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ZINOVIEFF LETTER SENSATION.

PROMINENT CITY MAN
GIVES FACTS.

INFORMANT LEAVES COUNTRY
FOR LIFE'S SAKE.

NO NEED FOR ENQUIRY

London, Mar. 19.
Sensation was created by Mr. Stanley Baldwin in the House of Commons, to-day, when, in opposing Mr. Ramsay MacDonald's motion seeking further enquiry regarding the publication of the Zinovieff Letter, the Premier read a statement by the original informant, whose name has never previously been disclosed.

The statement was signed by Mr. Conrad Donald Im Thurn, who is a prominent City man, who has no connexion with office, politics or the conspiracy.

He learned of the existence of the letter some 48 hours before it reached the hands of the Government, and Mr. Baldwin mentioned that he met the man for the first time to-day.

Mr. Im Thurn authorised him to make a statement which the Premier had verified and checked.

Casual Mention.

The statement describes how Mr. Im Thurn, on October 10th, 1924, met a business friend, who is in no manner connected with the Government service, and at the conclusion of their business, the friend casually mentioned that the letter, familiarly known as the Zinovieff Letter, had been sent to British Communist headquarters.

Mr. Im Thurn, on hearing the gist of the contents, asked the friend to secure him a copy, which he received the following morning. Being most indignant at the proposal to lend money to Russia, the Labour Government were contemplating a loan to Russia, at a moment when they were fomenting sedition in England, he decided to inform the Government Department concerned, which he did, and to publish the information.

Informant Leaves Country.

As soon as his informant was able to settle his affairs in England and get to a place of safety, as his life would be in danger if he remained in England, Mr. Im Thurn handed his copy of the letter to a City friend in touch with the Daily Mail.

Mr. Im Thurn added that he personally was responsible for obtaining the text of the letter and securing its publication.

He did not receive any assistance from any Government official, did not receive any money or reward for his action. He was prompted entirely by patriotic motives.

Mr. Im Thurn Tributed.

Sir Douglas Hogg, the Attorney General, paid a warm tribute to Mr. Im Thurn, stating that his uncle had been Governor of some of Britain's most important Colonies, his brother holds a very responsible position in either the Navy or the Army, and he himself is a gentleman with an unblemished reputation holding a most responsible position in the City. He is well-known to the great bulk of City men.

Mr. C. D. Im Thurn's uncle is Sir Everard Im Thurn, K.C.M.G., K.B.E., C.B., who at one time was Lieut. Gov. and Colonial Secretary of Ceylon and Governor of the Fiji Islands and High Commissioner of the Western Pacific. He has done much exploring of British Guiana, and ascended Roraima successfully—a mountain which had baffled all previous attempts.

Captain John Knowles Im Thurn, C.M.G., C.B.E., R.N. commands the Signal School, Portsmouth, while Brevet Major B.E. von B. Im Thurn, D.S.O., M.C., is a distinguished Army officer.

Motion Rejected.

Mr. Ramsay MacDonald's motion seeking an enquiry into the circumstances under which the

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RUBBER PRICES UP IN AMERICA.

\$60,000,000 CREDIT FOR
RESERVE POOL.

SHARES ALSO RISE.

New York, Mar. 19.

Very brisk buying and a rapid advance in rubber prices followed an announcement that a credit of \$60,000,000 had been arranged for the American rubber reserve pool.

Over two thousand lots changed hands in the first three hours after the opening of the Stock Exchange. July contracts opened at 28.80 cents, or nearly a cent per pound above Saturday's quotations. At the close, prices moved up to 28.80, but they fell back to 27.80 on profit-taking.

There were similar advances in contracts for other active months.

A bullish sentiment was also reflected in rubber shares, the United States Rubber, Goodyear and Goodrich stocks advancing from four to six points.—*Reuter's American Service.*

London, Mar. 19.

In the House of Commons, replying to Sir Frank Nelson, Sir William Johnson Hicks said Mr. Baldwin would be in a position to make a statement on the rubber question before the Easter Recess.—*Reuter.*

SOVIET DISLIKES REPRISAL.

SIR AUSTEN CHAMBERLAIN
GETS BLAMED.

DONETZ AFTERMATH.

Riga, Mar. 19.

Protest meetings are being held in various centres in Russia in connexion with the alleged foreign sabotage plot in the Donetz coal basin.

A notable meeting was held at Leningrad where 12,000 workers demonstrated, and passed a resolution condemning "the German Government's interference with the internal affairs of the Soviet Republics" and demanding that the anti-Soviet conspirators be shot.

It is also reported that the Donetz workers have passed a resolution declaring the action of the German Government in breaking off the Russo-German commercial negotiations, to be really an attempt by German capitalists backed by Sir Austen Chamberlain and others to interfere with the course of justice in Soviet Russia. A congress of Trade Unions has passed a resolution to the effect that "such intrigues by foreign diplomacy only make us the more determined to shake off our industrial and economic dependence on foreign countries."—*Reuter.*

HUGE U.S. FINANCIAL DEALINGS.

PRIVATE INVESTORS RESCUE
WALL STREET.

New York, Mar. 19.

According to the Federal Reserve Board's monthly report private investors in industrial organisations came to the relief of Wall Street during the recent tremendous stock exchange activity in order to maintain the supply of call-money for carrying on the speculation.

The total call-loans is estimated to be \$4,000,000,000, despite the fact that the banks have withdrawn \$3,000,000,000 of such funds during the past two months. Brokers' loans by other lenders than banks amount to \$1,000,000,000.—*Reuter's American Service.*

FRENCH PROSPERITY.

BIG INCREASE IN REVENUE
RETURNS.

Paris, Mar. 19.

The Revenue returns for February totalled 2,544,000,000 francs showing an increase of 117,000,000 francs as compared with February last year and 137,000,000 francs more than the Budget forecast.—*Havas.*

CANTON LEADER IN SHANGHAI.

LI CHAI-SUM EXPLAINS
HIS VISIT.

INTERVIEWED ON HONGKONG
CONVERSATIONS.

LOAN RUMOUR DENIED.

Shanghai, March 20.

Marshal Li Chai-sum, accompanied by General Chan Ming-shiu, Commander of the 11th Army, and Mr. Chu Kar-wah, Vice-President of Chung Shan University, arrived at Shanghai on board the P. and O. s.s. Mantua yesterday morning. The party was welcomed by General Li Tsung-yen who came specially to meet them from Nanking.

In the afternoon, Marshal Li held a conference with a number of prominent Nanking officials.

Troop Reduction.

During the conversations, Marshal Li was requested by General Li Tsung-yen, who was present, to give his views on the latter's recent suggestion of a scheme for reducing the number of troops in the country. Marshal Li promised to give all possible support to the suggestion.

The party left for Nanking by special train, in the evening.

Object of Visit.

Prior to the party's departure, a brief interview with Marshal Li was obtained by representatives of the vernacular papers.

Marshal Li said the main object of the visit to Nanking is to discuss with Marshal Chiang Kai-shek measures for continuing the Northern campaign and for reorganising the Kwangtung Armies.

Marshal Li stated that the troops of Kwangtung and Kwangsi must be thoroughly reorganised before they can join the Northern expedition.

Hongkong Conversations.

When questioned regarding his recent conversations with the Governor of Hongkong, Marshal Li denied the report of a possible loan from Hongkong.

In further conversation, Marshal Li admitted that both the Hongkong and Canton Governments had considered the suggestion of a loop line to connect the Canton-Hankow and the Canton-Kowloon Railways, but he believed that it would take a considerable time before the plan materialised.—*Nam Chung Pao.*

Nanking Parley Conjectures.

In commenting on the mission of Marshal Li Chai-sum to Nanking, a Chinese report states that many keen observers of the China situation hold the view that if Marshal Li had ignored the invitation of Marshal Chiang Kai-shek and had failed to leave Canton, the probable outcome would have been disastrous.

The two Marshals, it is pointed out, are the most powerful of leaders not only of the Kuomintang, but possibly of China. As Commander-in-Chief of the Nationalist Army, Marshal Chiang wields much influence in the North, whilst Marshal Li Chai-sum, though he has not so many troops under him, is the head of a big military and political group, known as the "Kwangsi Clique," which controls the provinces of Kwangtung, Kwangsi, Hunan and Hupoh. Furthermore, Marshal Li has the advantage of the faithful support of all his colleagues in the "Kwangsi Clique."

Kwangsi Help Needed.

For this reason, it is natural that to make the Northern Expedition successful, Marshal Chiang Kai-shek should first obtain the goodwill, if not the assistance, of the Kwangsi faction. This may explain the fact that a few weeks prior to Li Chai-sum's embarking for the North, Marshal Chiang despatched telegrams to Canton, every day urging the Chairman of the Southern Government to attend a conference in Nanking.

The fact that Marshal Li eventually yielded to the invitation, despite the desirability of his remaining in Canton, is regarded as an indication of his determination.—*(Continued on Page 8.)*

SWARAJISTS TIRE OF REJECTION?

WALK OUT IN FINANCE BILL
DEBATE.

TRIBUTE TO BRITISH.

New Delhi, Mar. 19.

The threatened rejection of the Finance Bill did not materialise, the Legislative Assembly passing the measure by 61 votes to 41.

The debate was remarkable from the fact that the Swarajists walked out and also for an eloquent address by the Mahomedan member, Mr. Shah Nawaz, who paid a warm tribute to the excellent record of Sir Basil Blackett, who has been Finance Member for the past five years.

Mr. Shah Nawaz declared that the economic progress of India since the beginning of the 20th Century was equalled by few countries in the world, and he warned opponents of the Bill that

FERRY LAUNCH DISASTER.

Many Burned to Death on
West River.

A brief report has been received from Shamshui relative to a disaster which occurred to the motor ferry launch On Lee, plying between West River ports, on Wednesday last, resulting in the loss of at least 40 lives.

Details are lacking, but it is understood that when carrying approximately 200 passengers, the ship burst into flames, as the result of an engine explosion.

Passengers in the lower classes were shut behind grilles and were unable to make their escape. Many of these unfortunate people were either incinerated, or having escaped this death, drowned, as the doors were not opened and they were unable to secure an exit.

The ferry launch was completely destroyed.

by throwing it out they would not hurt the Government, but the Assembly.

Child Marriages.

The Bill introduced by a member of the Assembly in 1927 to prevent child marriages has been amended by the Committee so that it applies to child marriages of all classes of the community, the object being not to declare that such marriages are invalid, but to restrain them by punishing the participants.

The minimum age for boys is fixed at eighteen and for girls at fourteen, the penalties being a month's simple imprisonment, a fine of 1,000 rupees, or both.—*Reuter.*

AFGHAN KING'S VISIT.

SEES 100 YEARS OF NAVAL
PROGRESS.

London, Mar. 19.

King Amanullah witnessed one hundred years of naval progress to-day, when he visited, at Portsmouth, first Nelson's flagship Victory, and then the modern battleship Tiger.

Afterwards he made a voyage in submarine L22 to Southampton, being submerged most of the way. His Majesty was greatly thrilled when he fired a dummy torpedo at a destroyer.

Queen Souriya followed in H.M.S. Alresford.—*British Wire- less.*

CONTINUED GOOD WEATHER.

The Royal Observatory Weather report states: the anticyclone is central between Kobe and the Bonins. The depression is central to the South-West of Vladivostok. Moderate to light monsoon may be expected over the China Sea.

The forecast till noon to-morrow is: North East or variable winds, light; fine to cloudy.

SWEEPING SOVIET PROPOSALS.

LENGTHY REVIEW BY
M. LITVINOFF.

LOOKS TO UNITED STATES FOR
ACTIVE SUPPORT.

TURKISH MODERATION.

Geneva, Mar. 19.

The Turkish delegation to the preparatory disarmament conference, headed by the Foreign Minister, Tewfik Rushdi, has arrived, and was greeted at the station on behalf of Litvinoff.

Tewfik Rushdi Bey, during the afternoon sitting of the Disarmament Committee, developed the Turkish views on disarmament.

They are much more moderate and much more practical than the Soviet plan. For example, Rushdi expressed the opinion that treaties of non-aggression accompanied by a neutrality clause would afford a certain measure of security.

"Country Which Outlaws War."

M. Litvinoff made a lengthy statement reviewing the Soviet plan, and said that the Soviet was prepared to abolish its armed forces when other countries were ready to do so.

He said he counted on the support of the Government which proposed the outlawry of war (no doubt, referring to the United States).

A general discussion followed in the course of which, Herr Bernstorff, representing Germany, supported some of the Russian proposals.

After his statement of the Russian proposals, M. Litvinoff submitted two questions to the Committee.

Two Questions.

In the first place, he asked, does the Committee agree to base its further efforts on the principle of complete disarmament during the period proposed by the Soviet Government?

Secondly, he queried, is the Committee prepared to carry out the first stage of disarmament proposed by the Soviet so as to make the conduct of war, if not an absolute impossibility, at least, a most difficult thing in a year's time?

U.S. Sincerity.

Referring to Mr. Kellogg's proposal to outlaw war as an instrument of national policy, M. Litvinoff said: "The Soviet delegation considers it is entitled to count on the special support of a Government which is now publicly making proposals to prohibit war."

"The sincerity of its proposals," he argued, "could not be more convincingly confirmed than by the adherence of its authors to the Soviet draft Convention for complete disarmament."

The Draft Plan.

The draft of the Disarmament Convention sent to the League of Nations aims at general complete disarmament within four years, fifty per cent. of the demobilisation to take place the first year.

It also provides that the total destruction of all stores and arms, and the abolition of all the most important naval armaments and Air Forces and of all war institutions should be brought about in the following three years.

International Commission.

The Soviet also proposes the establishment of a Permanent International Commission to control the Commission in each country. These regional Commissions will be charged with the execution of the Convention.

Representatives of the different Legislatures, of public organisations, and of the "tolling class" will, it is proposed, sit on the Regional Commissions.—*Reuter.*

BOILER EXPLOSION DEATH.

Another fatality has occurred as the result of the boiler explosion at the Ling Mow Oil Factory at Salweenho (as exclusively reported last week in the *Telegraph*) a worker named Yip Ming, succumbing to severe injuries just before midnight on Sunday at the Government Civil Hospital.

COMMUNISM IN LAW COLLEGE?

MYSTERIOUS STUDENT COUP
IN SHANGHAI.

MRS. GEO. HSU-CHIEN.

(Our Own Correspondent.)

Shanghai, Mar. 20.

Conflicting reports are current relative to a most mysterious affair which occurred on Saturday at the Shanghai Law College in the French Concession.

As far as can be ascertained the story involves a coup by which a change of administration was effected, and which is supposed to have followed a split in the student body.

Mrs. George Hsu Chien, wife of the notorious Communist political agent, is alleged to have displaced the existing Executive.

It is reported that about a hundred students supported her and roughly the same number were in opposition, the remainder being neutral.

Alternatively, it is suggested that her husband having founded the College, Mrs. Hsu Chien has been given the post during the absence of Hsu Chien, who, it is believed, is now with Marshal Feng Yushan.

WAFDIST PREMIER'S POLICY.

COMPLETE INDEPENDENCE
FOR EGYPT.

BRITISH FRIENDSHIP.

Cairo, Mar. 19.

The new Wafdist Premier, Nahas Pasha, in a statement of policy made to a packed House of Representatives said that the Government had assumed power at a most difficult moment in order to safeguard the rights of the country.

Egypt would not recognise any fact or any act which conflicted in any way with Egypt's complete independence and her rights in the Sudan—(cheers).

The Government, he said, was sure that with goodwill an agreement between Britain and Egypt would eventually be reached, safeguarding Egypt's independence and British interests.

He urged, however, that the agreement must be reached between two friends and not between master and dependent.

Nahas Pasha also assured foreigners that their interests would be protected.

The Chamber passed a vote of confidence in the Government.—*Reuter.*

U. S. POLITICAL SCANDAL.

SENATOR NYE RIDICULES
SUGGESTION.

Baltimore, Mar. 19.

The Republican Senator Nye, Chairman of the Senate Investigation Committee, in re-affirming the statement that sensational developments were impending in the Teapot Dome Oil Scandal, ridiculed Senator Borah's suggestion to raise a subscription to re-pay the \$160,000 contributed by Mr. Harry Sinclair to the party funds in 1925.

Senator Nye urged that it might result in having to return all campaign subscriptions over \$25,000, which would prove embarrassing to the major parties.—*Reuter's American Service.*

FAMOUS SPECIALIST'S DEATH.

SIR DAVID FERRIER, PIONEER
OF BRAIN SURGERY.

London, Mar. 19.

The death has occurred of Sir David Ferrier, M.A., M.D., LL.D., D.Sc., F.R.C.P., F.R.S., the famous brain specialist, who was the founder and pioneer of brain surgery.

The late Sir David Ferrier was 85 years of age.—*Reuter.*

NAVAL SENSATION SECURITY.

FIRST LORD REFUSES
INFORMATION.

DIFFERENCES ON BOARD
H.M.S. ROYAL OAK.

COURT MARTIAL ORDER

London, Mar. 19.

The first official disclosures regarding the incidents on board H.M.S. Royal Oak were made in the House of Commons by Mr. W. C. Bridgeman, the First Lord of the Admiralty, to-day.

In answer to questions, Mr. Bridgeman said that the Admiralty concurred with the action taken by Admiral Sir Roger Keyes as regards the three officers concerned, Rear-Admiral Collard, Captain Dewar and Commander Daniel.

Rear-Admiral Collard had, he said, been relieved by order of the Admiralty and was returning to England.

Court-Martial Directed.

Certain issues from the point of view of discipline remained, and the Board of the Admiralty had decided that in the interests of the Service, these should be investigated by Court-martial, which would be convened at Gibraltar as soon as proper observance of the regulations admitted.

Captain Dewar and Commander Daniel, who are now in London, will proceed to Gibraltar at once. The proceedings at the Court-martial will be public.

In detailing to the House the incidents on board H.M.S. Royal Oak, Mr. Bridgeman said that on March 12th, immediately before the Fleet was due to sail for the combined exercises with the Atlantic Fleet, Captain Dewar and Commander Daniel handed a written statement to Rear-Admiral Collard making references to differences which had arisen.

Sailing Delayed.

The sailing of the Fleet was postponed for fifteen hours, a Court of Enquiry consisting of the Vice-Admiral and two Rear-Admirals being convened to investigate the matter.

The Commander-in-Chief, Sir Roger Keyes on receipt of the report of the Court of Enquiry, proposed that Rear-Admiral Collard's flag be transferred to H.M.S. Resolution, but for wholly creditable reasons, Rear-Admiral Collard preferred to leave immediately.

Ordered to Strike Flag.

Sir Roger Keyes then directed him to strike his flag and to remain at Malta, while Captain Dewar and Commander Daniel were relieved of their positions in H.M.S. Royal Oak and directed to return to England.

In response to an Admiralty request for a report of the nature of the differences and the Court's findings, Sir Roger Keyes had stated that it was impossible to telegraph an adequate summary which was not liable to misinterpretation.

The First Lord urged to the House that the Admiralty was unable to issue a definite statement and a hasty generalisation might seriously prejudice the careers and professional reputations of the officers concerned.

Officers' Request.

Mr. Bridgeman added that Captain Dewar and Commander Daniel paid a visit to the Admiralty on their arrival in London on March 15th, and requested reinstatement to H.M.S. Royal Oak or alternatively, a Court-martial.

Secrecy Maintained.

He firmly declined to state the events leading up to the trouble last night, he said, this should prejudice the Court-martial proceedings. Careful examination of the report.—*(Continued on Page 8.)*



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BLAZE IN DES VOUEUX ROAD
WEST.

A fire broke out in the premises
of a Chinese tea merchant's shop,
No. 223, Des Voeux Road West,
second floor, yesterday morning,
about one o'clock. At the time, all
the occupants were fast asleep,
and the first person who gave the
alarm was a fook who, while re-
turning to the shop, saw smoke
emanating from the second floor.

Considerable panic was caused.
In the third floor was a Chinese
seaman's boarding-house, and 18
men who were sleeping there suc-
ceeded in making their escape
through the roof. The ground
floor was occupied by a sundry
goods, rice, and oil dealers.

The brigade arrived from the
Central Fire Station, and the blaze
was suppressed shortly before 2
o'clock. The second and third
floors of the house were completely
gutted, while the ground and first
floor of No. 223, and the first and
second floor of the two neighbour-
ing houses, were damaged by
water.

It is stated that the property in
the ground, first, second and third
floors of No. 223 was all insured.

Policeman Injured.

The fire was accompanied by one
accident, a Chinese constable re-
ceiving an injury to his leg. When
the alarm was given the constable,
No. C. 482, Yam Ping, who was on
patrol in Queen's Road West, ran
towards the scene, blowing his
whistle as he went.

He was knocked down by a pass-
ing motor-car, public vehicle No.
141. The car passed over part of
the body of the constable, and ac-
cording to a vernacular report his
left leg was severely crushed. The
ambulance later arrived, and took
the man to the Government Civil
Hospital.

LAZINESS DEBATED.

LABOUR-SAVING DEVICES
FORM SUBJECT.

The monthly debate of the St.
Peter's Church Young Men's Club
was held last night, when the sub-
ject "That Labour Saving Devices
Encourage Laziness," was discus-
sed. Proposing the motion were
the Rev. E. K. Quick and Rev.
E. W. L. Martin, while the opposi-
tion was conducted by Mr. S. V.
Boxer and Mr. E. A. Lea.

That we are inherently lazy, and
that laziness is one of the charac-
teristics of human nature, were two
points of the proposer's argu-
ments. In introducing the subject
Mr. Quick claimed that the motion
was self-evident, and likened it to
the obviousness of the geometrical
problems with which a schoolboy
is confronted in his first lessons
in Euclid.

The proposer maintained that
people developed laziness as the
result of employing the modern
labour-saving devices, although he
frankly admitted that they im-
proved the efficiency of the work, for
which they were used.

The speakers against the motion
relied greatly on the fact that lab-
our-saving devices were a neces-
sity, and that a person exhibited
laziness in not being able
to have thought of an easier
method of performing a cer-
tain piece of work by using a lab-
our-saving device, instead of
adopting the more arduous manner
of the days when such devices had
not been invented. Mr. Boxer
submitted that a person who pre-
ferred the old system of doing any
work instead of making use of a
labour-saving device was merely
showing his stupidity.

Several speakers supported the
motion, while others spoke against
the subject, which was carried by
18 votes to 15, after the original
vote had shown twelve persons for
and twelve against.

WEDDING INCIDENT.

ABUSIVE CHINESE AT THE
CATHEDRAL.

An unusual incident occurred at
a wedding at St. John's Cathedral
yesterday, when, a few minutes
before the bride and bridegroom
were due to arrive, a Chinese,
shabbily dressed, entered the
Cathedral. He had proceeded only
a few steps inside when he was
naked what his business was, to
which he made the amazing reply
that the "General had sent him to
attend to the wedding," and the
"feast."

Further interrogation showed
that the man was mentally
deranged. When he was told to
go, he commenced to be abusive
in broken English. He was taken
outside the Cathedral, where a
struggle ensued, and a soldier who
happened to be standing near
helped to subdue him.

A European police officer, who
happened to be on the scene, was
called, and took the Chinese to the
Central Police Station for medical
observation.

RAMADAN FESTIVAL.

CONCLUSION OF THE MONTH
OF FASTING.

The Imam of the Mohammedan
Mosque in Shelley Street has in-
timated that if the new moon is
seen on the evening of Thursday,
the 22nd instant, the Eid-ul-Fitr,
commonly called the Festival of
the Breaking of the Fast, will take
place on the following day, the
23rd instant, and in the event of
the new moon not being seen on
the night of the 22nd instant then
the festival will be celebrated on
Saturday, the 24th instant.

The Namaz (Prayers) will com-
mence at 9.15 a.m. punctually at
the Mosque. Muslims attending the
Namaz are requested to be in
the Mosque at 9 a.m.

Muslims celebrate this occasion
on the conclusion of the month of
Ramadan Fasting.

INDUSTRIALISATION.

WIDESPREAD EFFECT IN
JAPANESE EMPIRE.

In discussing the "Social Effects
of the Industrialization of the Far
East," with relation to Japan, Dr.
Shiroshi Nani, sociological expert at
the Imperial University of Tokyo,
had this to say before the Institute
of Pacific Relations' last Conference
at Honolulu:

"The workers yearn for higher
wage and more decent life, but at
the present moment the employers
cannot afford to fulfill their de-
mands. This undercurrent is pro-
ducing numerous labour disputes and
strikes.

"The growing discontent on the
part of workers is inflamed still
more by the idea that they are the
victims of social injustice, and this
sentiment is spreading from the city
workers to the rural population.

"Our small tenant-peasants, whose
income is much lower than that of
industrial workers and one-half of
whose gross income is sucked up by
landowners as land rent, are gradu-
ally beginning to bear a grudge
against their unfavourable working
conditions. They began to organize
themselves into unions which to-day
number about 4,000 with a total
combined membership of about 340,000.

"The growth of these tenant-
peasants' unions was most phre-
nomenal. And, in the recent years,
about 2,000 cases of tenant-peasants'
disputes have been occurring annu-
ally, involving over 130,000 tenant-
peasants.

"The cases of industrial workers'
strikes number several hundred an-
nually. The Labour Disputes Arbi-
tration Act and the Tenant-Peasants'
Disputes Arbitration Act are the re-
sults of the newly created situation.
These facts alone show the signifi-
cant effect of the industrialization
of Japan upon Japanese social life
in general to-day."

COMPANY REPORT.

THE BANK OF CANTON,
LIMITED.

The report of the directors of
the Bank of Canton, Ltd., for the
year ending 31st December, 1927,
for presentation to the share-
holders at the seventeenth annual
general meeting to be held at the
head office, No. 6 Des Voeux Road
Central, on Wednesday afternoon,
April 4th, states:

The profit for that period, in-
cluding \$31,715.91 balance brought
forward from last account, and
after paying all charges and writ-
ing off bad and doubtful debts,
amounts to \$325,068.72 for appor-
tionation which it is proposed to
deal with as follows:

To Amount Transferred
to Reserve for bad
and doubtful debts. \$ 20,000.00

To Write off Furniture,
Fixtures and Vaults
Account. 1,501.04

To Payment of Divi-
dends at \$1.20 per
share on the paid up
Capital. 259,988.95

To Payment of Bonus. 7,485.15

To Balance carried for-
ward. 34,148.58

Total. \$325,068.72

In accordance with the Articles
of Association, Messrs. Li Sing Ku,
Chung Sik Fan, Choy Chong and
Ng Yue Hoon retire from the
Board, but being eligible for re-
election, offer themselves accord-
ingly. Messrs. Ng Chook Chuen
and Cheng Yuet Po, our Inspectors
of Accounts for the past year, now
retire, but offer themselves for re-
election.

The accounts have been audited
by Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth and
Fleming, who were our auditors
for the past year, and they now
retire, but offer themselves for re-
election.

ARCHITECT'S CLAIM.

DEFENDANT ASKS COURT
FOR TIME.

Judgment was entered by Mr.
Justice Wood in the Summary
Court yesterday for Messrs. Deni-
son, Han and Gibbs, for the sum
of \$425, representing fees for
plans, supervision, etc., for work
on Kowloon Island Lot No. 1420,
and for correspondence in relation
to the changing of a plot of land
in Kowloon.

The defendant was a Chinese
named Kan San-yat. The plaintiff
firm was represented by Mr. J. T.
Prior of Messrs. Wilkinson and
Grist.

Giving evidence Mr. L. Gibbs
said that the defendant was in-
troduced to the firm in 1923 by
an old client. Defendant instructed
the firm to prepare plans for a
house over Kowloon Island Lot No.
1420. The remuneration was \$800,
of which sum the defendant had
paid half when work commenced.
It was the balance for which plain-
tiffs were now claiming. Remin-
ders had been sent to the defend-
ant monthly since 1925, but the
amount had remained unpaid.

There was also a claim for \$25
for correspondence which con-
cerned the exchange of two pieces
of land in Kowloon. As a result
of the correspondence, the change
was effected.

The defendant did not dispute
the claims but asked to be given
time to pay.

His Lordship: How much time
do you want?

Defendant: Just time enough
for me to take a suit against men
who owe me money.

His Lordship: You can't do
that until you pay.

Defendant: I am sorry I cannot
afford it. I have no money.

His Lordship entered judgment
against the defendant.

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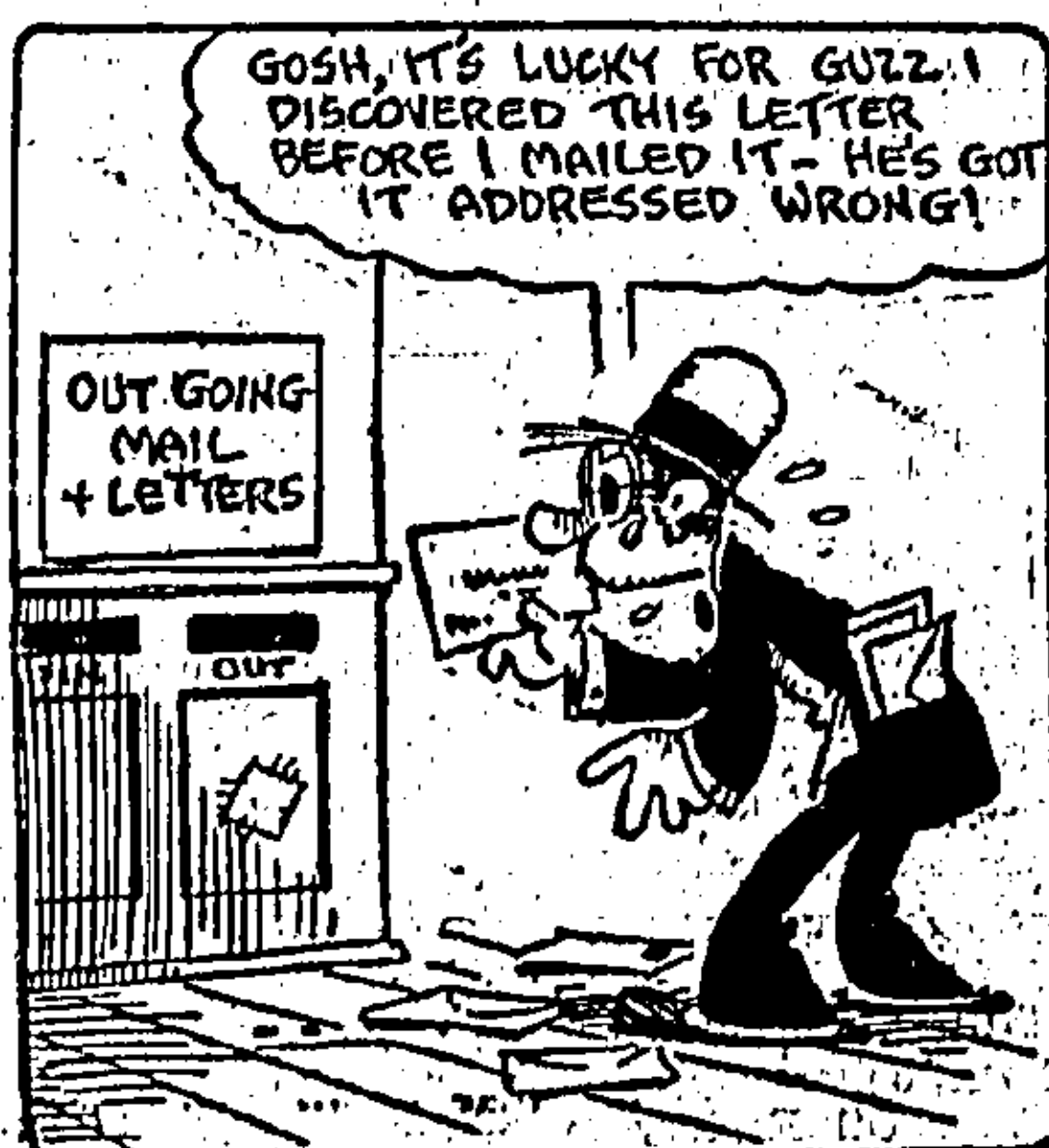
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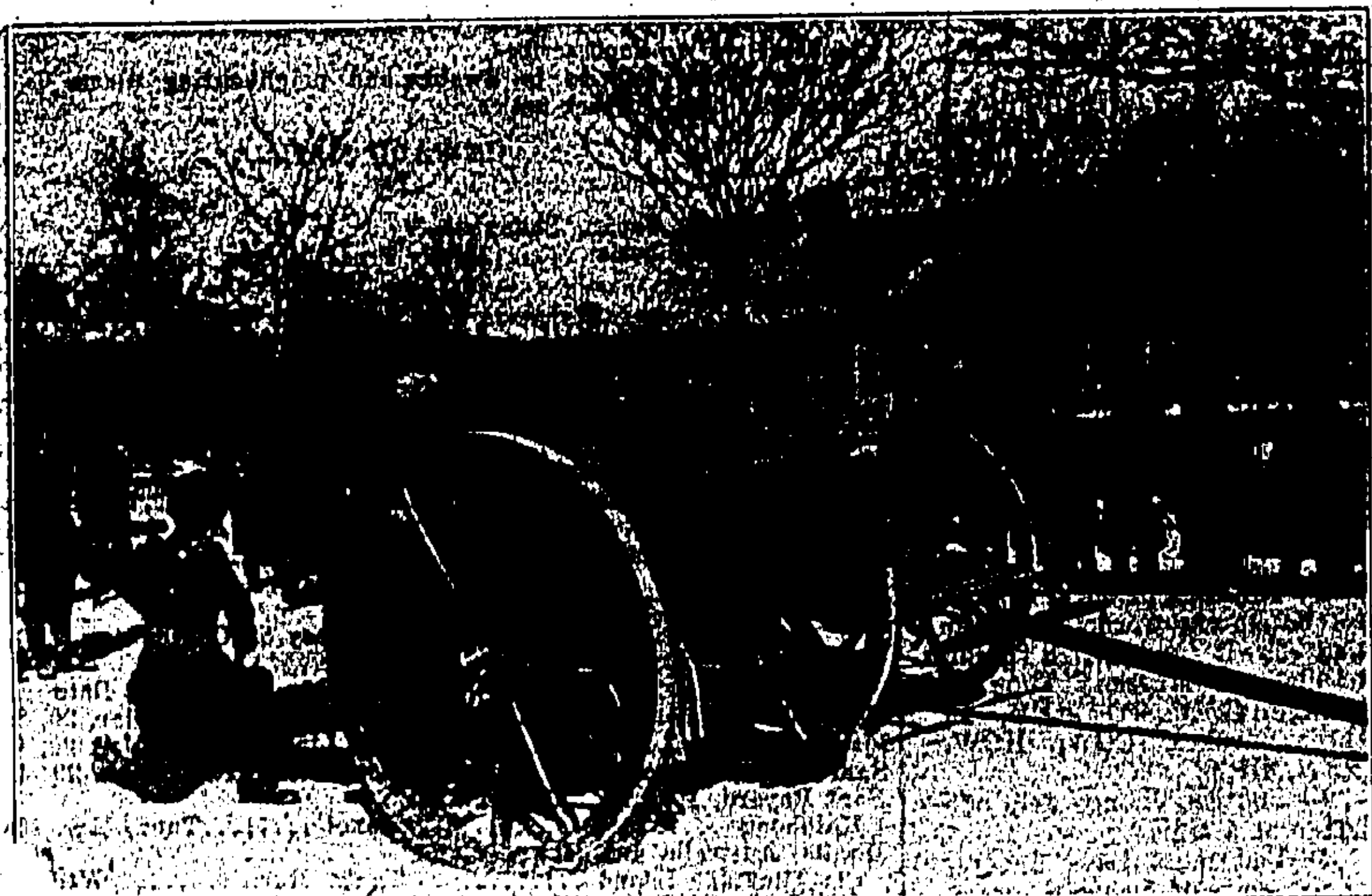




A snapshot of the members of the Shanghai Amateur Athletic Club who held a partner's race last Sunday from the Hongkong Park pavilion. Several members of the crack cross-country team from the Beds and Herts took part in the race, which was run in pairs, those drawn together having to run the last part of the distance side by side and cross the finishing.



Group taken at the Country Club on Leap Year night, when the bachelor members of the club gave their traditional quadrennial ball.



Field gun belonging to the British Garrison in Peking which is the largest gun left by foreign troops in Peking. The American Garrison has four guns but they are all of much smaller calibre.



Uniforms worn by the U. S. Garrison according to weather and circumstances seen at a glance. Spread on the ground is a man's full kit.



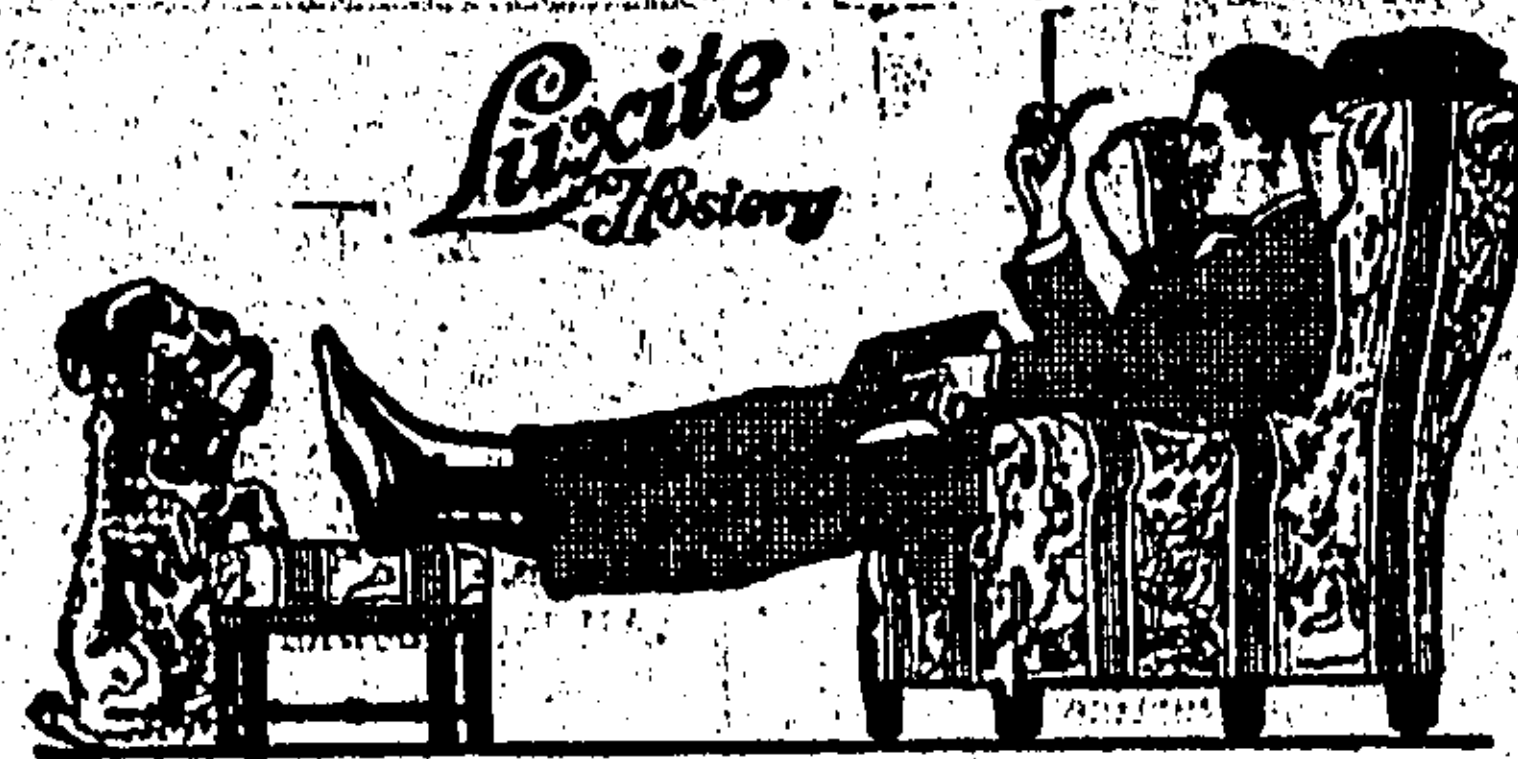
The photo shows (on the left) the ordinary uniform worn by the British soldier in Peking; and, on the right his full fighting kit.



Sir Miles Lampson and Major-General Wardrop snapped on the pontoon immediately after Sir Miles landed on Monday morning.



An enjoyable evening was spent on Sunday at the A. S. P. Club, Shanghai, on the occasion of Mr. and Mrs. W. Watson's wedding anniversary and Mrs. Watson's birthday. The "Rhythm Kings" of the 2nd Battalion the Welsh Regiment, supplied dance music, Mr. and Mrs. Watson with their grandson are seated in center of the group with their son and daughter-in-law.



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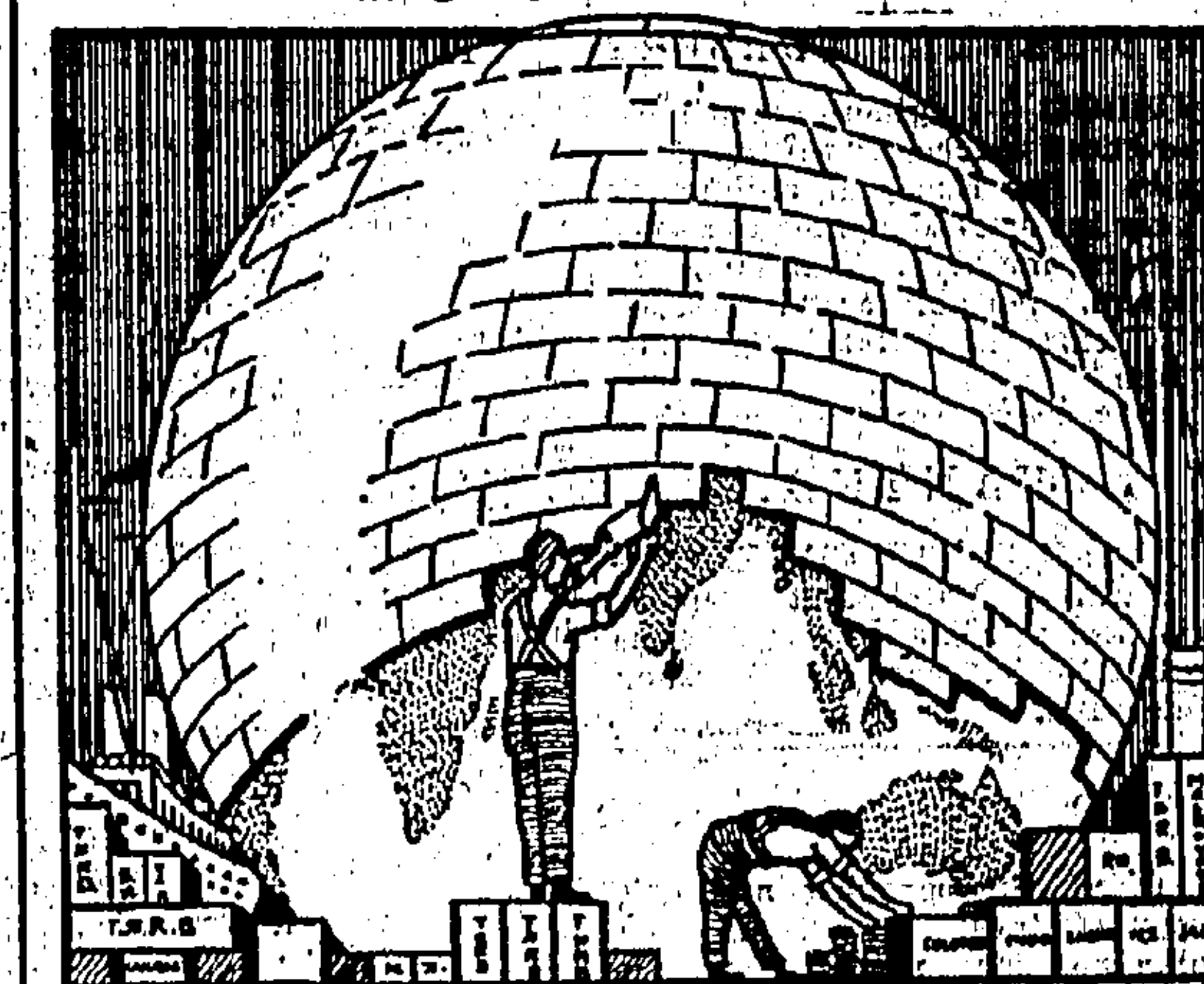
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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

NOTICE.

HONGKONG LAWN BOWLS ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the above Association will be held in Jardine Matheson and Co.'s Board Room, on **WEDNESDAY, March 21st**, at 5.30 p.m.

All lawn bowlers are invited to attend.

E. J. TACCHI,
Hon. Sec. H.K.L.B.A.

Hongkong, March 20th, 1928.

THE HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE CO., LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

The Fifty-ninth Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the Under- signed on **Monday, the 26th March, 1928**, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December, 1927.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 12th to the 26th March, 1928, both days inclusive.

JARDINE MATHESON & CO., LTD.

General Managers,
The Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.

Hongkong, 5th March, 1928.

TELEPHONE SERVICE BETWEEN HONGKONG AND KOWLOON.

From 17th March, 1928, until further notice, telephone service between Hongkong and Kowloon will be restricted owing to harbour dredging operations necessitating the removal of our submarine cables and resulting in a reduction in the number of junctions available to carry the telephone traffic between the above mentioned places.

A full service will be restored immediately dredging operations cease.

J. P. SHERRY,

Manager,
Hongkong Telephone Co., Ltd.

GREEN ISLAND CEMENT COMPANY LIMITED.

The 39th ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the above COMPANY will be held at the Offices of the Company, St. George's Building, Chater Road, Victoria, Hongkong, on **Wednesday, the 21st day of March, 1928**, at noon for the purpose of receiving a statement of accounts and the report of the Directors for the year ended 31st December, 1927.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from **Tuesday the 13th March, 1928**, until **Wednesday, the 21st March, 1928**, both days inclusive.

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, 1st March, 1928.

THE HONGKONG ROPE MANUFACTURING CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

The Forty-fourth Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders in the above Company will be held at St. George's Building, Chater Road, Victoria, on **Thursday, the 22nd March, 1928**, at 11.30 o'clock a.m. for the purpose of receiving a statement of accounts and the report of the General Managers for the year ended 31st December, 1927, and electing a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from **Monday 12th March, 1928**, until **Thursday the 22nd March, 1928**, both days inclusive.

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
General Managers.

Hongkong 1st March, 1928.

FANLING HUNT.

Steeplechases.

EASTER MEETING.

Saturday, 31st March, 1928.

DRAFT PROGRAMMES AND ENTRY FORMS for the **EASTER MEETING** to be held on **SATURDAY, 31st March**, may be obtained from Dr. F. Pierce-Grove, Alexandra Buildings.

ENTRIES close before **NOON WEDNESDAY, 20th March, 1928.**

THE BANK OF CANTON, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Seventeenth Ordinary Annual General Meeting of Shareholders of the Company will be held at the Head Office, No. 6 Des Voeux Road, Central, Hongkong, on **Wednesday, the 4th April, 1928**, at 2.30 p.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1927.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 20th March, 1928, to the 4th April, 1928, (both days inclusive), during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board,
LOOK POONG SHAN,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, 19th March, 1928.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Forty-Third Annual Ordinary General Meeting of the Company (since its registration) will be held at the Hongkong Hotel, Hongkong, on **Wednesday, the 28th March, 1928**, at 11.30 a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st October, 1927.

The Register of Shares of the Company will be closed from **Thursday, the 22nd day of March, to Thursday, the 29th day of March, 1928**, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 16th Mar., 1928.

NOTICE.

The General Meeting of the Victoria Recreation Club will take place in the V.R.C. at 6 p.m. on **Tuesday, the 20th March, 1928.**

C. J. COOKE,
Hon. Sec. V.R.C.

NOTICE.

I have from this day established myself as a Share and General Broker with offices situated at No. 11, Queen's Road Central (2nd floor).

G. A. HARRIMAN,
Member of H.K. Share-
brokers Association.
Hongkong, 13th March, 1928.

THE SIMPLEX PLASTER CO., LTD.

Notice is hereby given that the Fourth Annual General Meeting of the Company will be held at the Registered Office, 2nd floor, Powell's Building, Des Voeux Road, Hongkong, on **Thursday, 22nd March, 1928**, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, together with a statement of accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1927.

The Transfer books of the Company will be closed from 15th March to 22nd March, 1928, both days inclusive.

THE HONGKONG EXCAVATION, PILE DRIVING & CONSTRUCTION CO., LTD.

General Managers,
Hongkong, 15th March, 1928.

BOARD RESIDENCE.

N. Y. K. LINE.

From EUROPE AND STRAITS.

The Steamship,

"FUSHIMI MARU"

having arrived from the above ports. Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained.

Goods not cleared by the 27th March, 1928, will be subject to rent. Damaged packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignee's and the Co's representatives on any Tuesdays and Fridays, at 2.30 p.m. within the free storage period.

All claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognized.

No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns. No fire insurance has been effected.

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA,
Hongkong, 20th March, 1928.

LAMMERT'S AUCTIONS

PUBLIC AUCTION.

The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction,

TO-DAY,

the 20th March, 1928,
commencing at 2.30 p.m.

at their Sales Room,
Duddell Street.

A Quantity of Drawn and Embroidered Table Covers, Bed Covers, Dresses, Sarongs, Bags, Silk and Cotton Socks and Stockings, Ivory Combs, Sandal Wood Fans, Glass Bangles, Mother of Pearl Forks and Necklaces, Crochet Lace Dollies, Old Embroidered Cushions, Ivory and Silver and Cloisonne Ware, etc., etc.

(to be sold in small lots).

On View on Day of Sale.

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LAMMERT BROS.,
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Hongkong, Mar. 19, 1928.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

The Undersigned have received instructions from The Registrar, Supreme Court, to sell by Public Auction,

On **WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY**, the 21st and 22nd March, 1928, commencing each day at 10 a.m. on the premises.

The Goods and Chattels of Mrs. F. K. Cameron of No. 13, Queen's Road, Central, St. Francis Hotel, 1st, 2nd and 3rd Floors, all that space on the ground floor known as the Lobby and a portion of the ground floor of the Right Wing of the Ho Hong Bank Building together with the servants' quarters at the back thereof

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Blackwood Tables, Teapots, Pedestals, Joss Tables, Stools, Teak Clothes Hangers, Iron and Teak Bedsteads, Dressing Tables, Washstands, Wardrobes, Armchairs, Couches, Dining Tables, Dining Chairs, Sideboards, Dinner Waggon, Ice Chests, Crockery, Glass Ware, Cutlery, Cooking Utensils, Stoves, Teak Counters, Pictures, Pots and Plants, Rattan Chairs, Carpet Runners, Toilet Sets, etc., etc.

Catalogues will be issued.

On View from Monday, the 19th March, 1928.

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LAMMERT BROS.,
Auctioneers.

Hongkong, 17th March, 1928.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

The Undersigned have received instructions from Mr. S. de Ossa to sell by Public Auction

on FRIDAY,

the 23rd March, 1928, commencing at 2.30 p.m., at his residence, No. 12, Chatham Road, Kowloon,

A Large Quantity of Valuable Household Furniture.

Comprising:—

Teak and Upholstered Couch and Armchairs, Teak Bedsteads, Camphorwood Wardrobe, Inlaid Table, Chest of Drawers and Chairs, Ice Chest, Curtains, Pictures, Lacquer Folding Screen, Crystal Table Sets, Cutlery, Crockery, Ornaments, Enamel Bath, Geyser, etc., etc., A Valuable Collection of Curios and Several Very Fine Tientsin Carpets.

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A Very Fine Blackwood Dining Room Suite.

Comprising:—

Extension Dining Table, Dining Chairs, Sideboard and Dinner Waggon.

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On view from Thursday, the 22nd March, 1928.

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Washington, Feb. 15.

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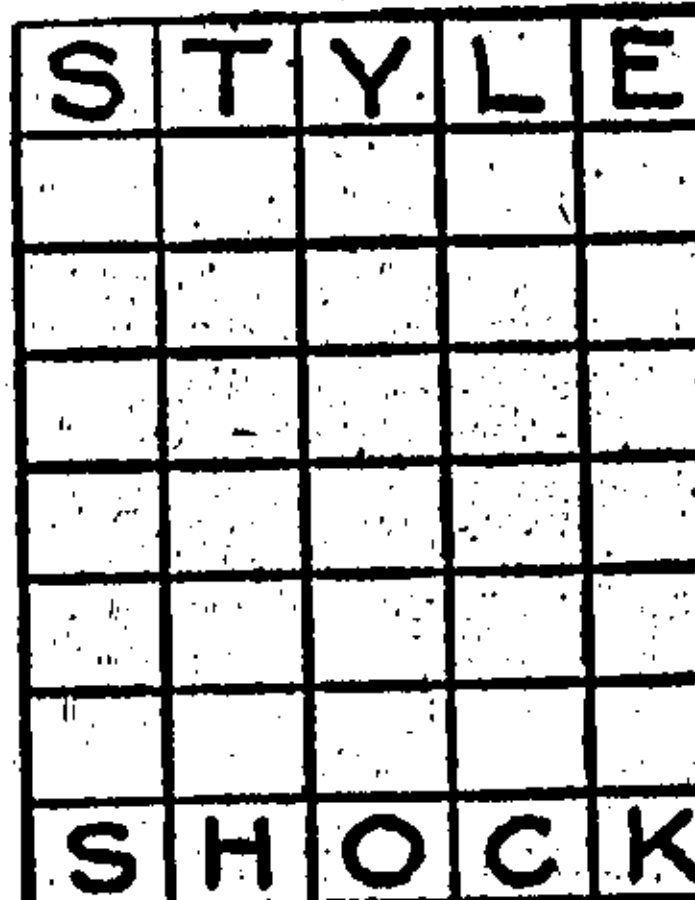
To make sure nothing will appear on the film that may be objectionable to the people of a country in which American films are exhibited these polite and suave unofficial ambassadors consult the foreign representatives for suggestions and as a rule are willing to cut out anything the diplomat suggests might be displeasing to national pride or sensitiveness.

At times the diplomat is invited to a "flash room" to see a picture before it is publicly released, sometimes merely in the interest of accuracy, but at other times to pass judgment upon a scene or character that might be considered offensive.

It is estimated that American films sold abroad last year brought into the industry \$10,000,000, a trade too profitable to be injured by bad management.

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1—The idea of letter golf is to change one word to another and do it in par, a given number of strokes. Thus to change COW TO HEN, in three strokes, COW, HOW, HEN, HEN.

2—You can change only one letter at a time.

3—You must have a complete word, of common usage, for each jump. Slang words and abbreviations don't count.

4—The order of letters cannot be changed. One solution is printed on another page.

CONSIGNEES' NOTICES.

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NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA,
Hongkong, 20th March, 1928.

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M. J. BRENN,
POSTMASTER GENERAL.

24th February, 1928.

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It is notified for information that the via Wireless rate to EUROPE has been reduced from \$2.00 to \$1.70 per word from 7th inst. Rates and further particulars on application to the RADIO COUN-TER, 1st Floor, Government Building.

Telegraphic Addresses—Persons and firms having correspondents in the places named above should in order to avoid delay to telegrams received by radio register their telegraphic address immediately.

Registered and Parcel Mails are closed 15 minutes earlier than the time given below unless otherwise stated, and where mails are advertised to close at or before 9 a.m. registered and parcel mails are closed at 6 p.m. on the previous day.

Dutiable articles forwarded by letter post to Great Britain are liable to confiscation by the Customs. Such articles should be forwarded by parcel post only.

Letters and postcards for Europe and the British Isles are forwarded via Siberia if so superscribed.

The Postal Service to Swatow and neighbouring places is entirely suspended until further notice.

INWARD MAILS.

From	Per	Date
U.S.A., Canada, Japan, Shanghai & Europe via Siberia	Pres. Lincoln	March 20.
Straits	Santhia	March 20.
Shanghai	Chenan	March 20.
Straits	Van Heuts	March 21.
Shanghai	Sunning	March 21.
Shanghai	Karmala	March 23.
Europe via Negapatam, letters only London 23rd February	Eurylochus	March 23.
Europe via Negapatam, Papers London 23rd February	Lahore	March 25.
Manila	Empress of Asia	March 25.
Japan and Shanghai	Porthos	March 27.
Shanghai	Mantus	March 30.
Canada, U.S.A., Japan and Shang-	Empress of Canada	April 5.

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Numbers of parents in Hongkong think gratefully of Baby's Own Tablets, and among them is Mr. Pang Chi Lung, an employee in the firm of Messrs. Douglas Laprak & Co., who writes:—"My baby daughter suffered from teething pains associated with crying and fretful sleeplessness. Her mother and I could not have a peaceful rest at night in consequence. But after we administered Baby's Own Tablets to the child she immediately became soothed, sleep came to her and she showed no more pain. Since then whenever she has been unwell with stomachache, vomiting, purging or fever, I have given her Baby's Own Tablets and less than one vial has always cured these ailments. She is now plump and active and beginning to talk."

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OUR DAILY TALK ON HEALTH.

ADVICE TO COSMETIC USERS.

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Many hair dyes contained a product to which some people were especially sensitive and to which they responded by the development of blisters and eruptions. Face creams have been reported which contained salts of arsenic, or lead, or of mercury, which may produce various symptoms when absorbed into the body.

It has appeared to many physicians that it would be highly desirable when such dangerous ingredients were included that they be indicated on the labels.

Most of the legitimate manufacturers of cosmetics, and this includes practically all of the concerns that deal with these products on a large scale, have indicated a willingness to co-operate in any plan that might be devised for securing public safety.

A few, and this involves the manufacturers of one or two hair products and one or two creams, have assumed an attitude of defiance which is hardly warranted by the circumstances. Indeed, their attitude is much like that of manufacturers who resisted the passing of the pure food and drugs act without inquiring as to the ultimate good of all concerned. In the end they were compelled to accept legislation without adding in its formation.

GLORIA SWANSON.

"A SOCIETY SCANDAL" AT THE WORLD.

The picture at the World Theatre to-day and to-morrow, "A Society Scandal," was adapted from Alfred Sudo's play, "The Laughing Lady." Gloria Swanson has the role of a society beauty who, involved innocently in a compromising situation with a rotter, is sued for divorce by her wealthy husband. On the stand her husband's lawyer, a handsome, young and over-zealous attorney, tears her reputation to shreds. Whereupon it becomes the fair divorcee's chief aim in life to humiliate the lawyer in some way for the ruin he has wrought upon her socially. The piquant manner in which she accomplishes her purpose and the surprising result are pictured in a most engrossing manner.

LILA LEE.

"THE MIDNIGHT GIRL" AT STAR.

A dramatic story, interpreted by a strong cast of players, describes "The Midnight Girl," which comes to the Star Theatre to-day and to-morrow. The theme deals with a wealthy patron of arts who casts aside his protégé because of her advancing years and who desires someone younger and more beautiful—made still more interesting through counterplots and romantic conflicts. A feature of the picture is the emotional acting ability of Lila Lee, the heroine, who is ably supported by Gareth Hughes and Dolores Cassinelli. "The Midnight Girl" was directed by Wilfred Noy.

Greenwich Park Railway Station, which has been closed since the war, is now being converted into a billiard hall.

WOMAN'S WORLD
FOR OUR LADY READERS.

Gay Porcelain.

RUSSIAN ART FOR THE HOME.

New York.—Soviet Russia has come to America—in a coloury visual way.

The diversity and extent of Russian native talent is astounding. The exposition here includes everything from crude, gaudy peasant toys to modernistic architecture; from cheap calico prints in garish hues to delicately illuminated lacquered jewel boxes fashioned by peasants in Palekh who inherited their art from centuries of icon-making ancestors; from elementary peasant utensils to spectacularly new and gorgeous stage sets.

Most Interesting.

To the layman and laywoman the porcelain, china, peasant handicraft and textiles present the most interesting spectacle.

Everywhere there is colour—whether it be a hanging of cross-stitch in crimson, orange, black and blue, or whether it is the

A True Estimate.

ON TAKING YOUR OWN MEASURE.

Not many people in these days when competition plays so large a part in the lives of most of us have any very strongly-marked desire to cultivate the virtue of humility.

To under-estimate one's powers and talents is now reckoned a disastrous thing, and one meets much more often nowadays the individual who magnifies himself in the eyes of the world than the one who belittles himself.

And there is some justification for those who, because of the naughtiness of the vulgar "boasting" of the one type of individual, fall into the error of mistaking the diffident attitude of the other for a sign of humility.

Both types are simply irritating, and most people have no time and no use for them.

The really useful person is the one who knows exactly what he can do, and who is anxious to work up to his fullest capacity.

Tiny Brims.

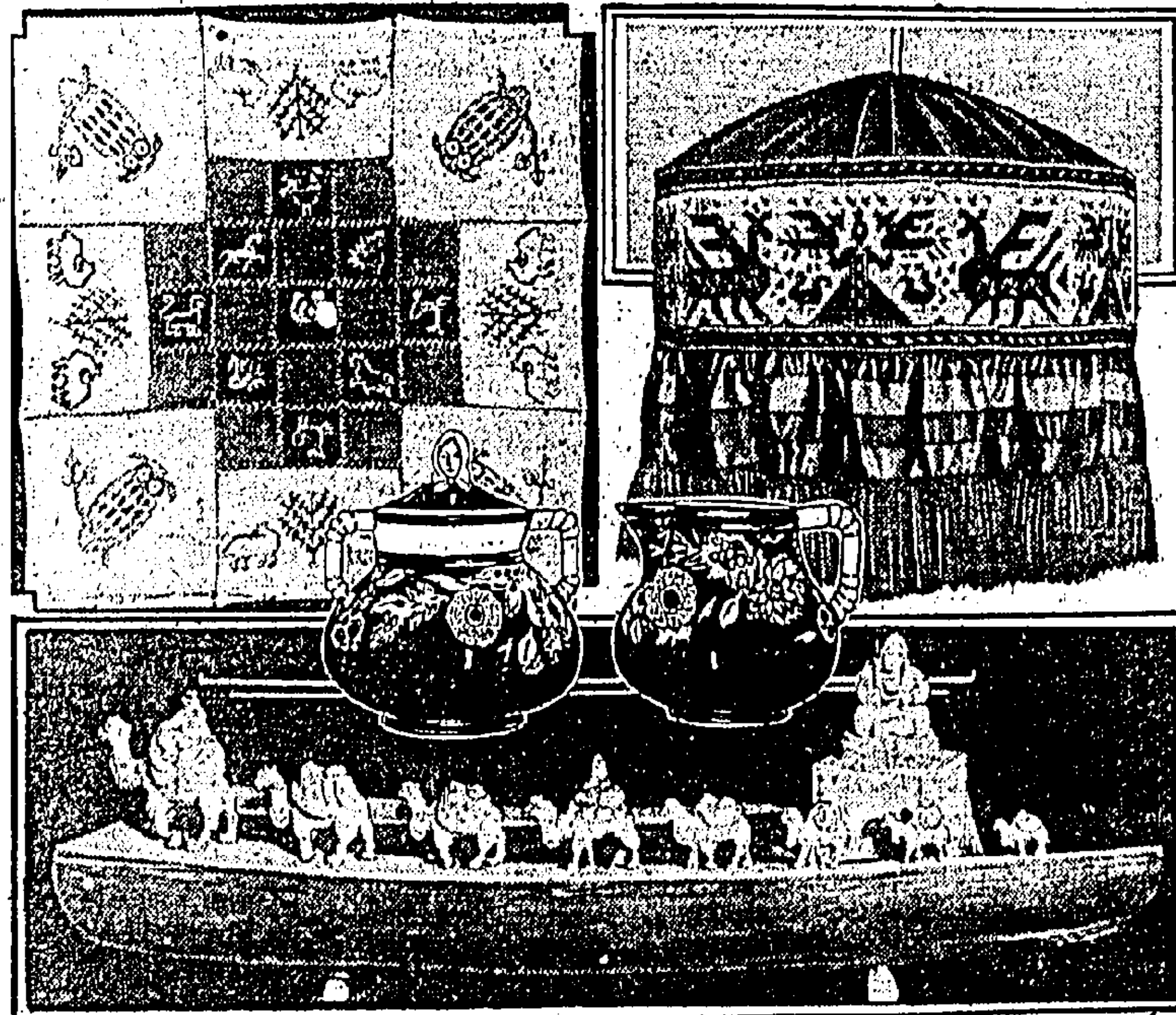
HATS OF THE MOMENT.

The newest hats have either tiny brims, slightly wider at the sides, turning sharply downwards, or are draped round the head with no brim at all. The down-on-one-side model is a feature of this season, and it's rather chic to show a bit of your forehead on one side. (Don't overdo this, though, and make up for it by being very mysterious about the other eyebrow!)

Hats are not as simple as they were last year, though they still look deceptively so. They are seldom made of one material only.

The "ten-vell" is a new idea which has caught on—a tulle veil over the eyes, ending on the bridge of the nose, with one huge chenille spot placed so that it comes high on one cheek like a beauty spot.

One famous milliner who always gives us something new and exciting, has again gone one better than anybody else. Her latest success is a black chenille cap, knitted by hand, which fits your head as closely as your own hair. It is caught



New Russian peasant art speaks for itself in gay tones: (left) bridge cloth with barnyard figures strutting on gay orange squares; for the centre; (right) rich lamp shade of red satin with heavy fringe and a panel of cross-stitched figures in the traditional red-white combination showing a woman, her chickens and reindeer; (centre) new-old china, a Czarist tea-set redecorated with a peasant design, the sugar bowl a woman with arms akimbo; (bottom) a single piece of pre-historic mammoth tusk ivory skillfully carved into a desk-set with a camel train for decoration and a Buddha for the ink-well top.

gaudy red and gold lacquer work in the bowls, pitchers, spoons and platters of the peasant dishes, the richly lined rugs or vivid prints.

Of the new china—made in old Czarist factories—some fascinating shapes and decorations appear. One tea set, baked before the Czar's downfall, has the old double crown stamp on the bottom. The sugar bowl was decorated with a peasant's face, and with akimbo arms for handles. To make it doubly interesting they put the circle and the hammer Soviet stamp on the bottom too. Other sets of China show the Mongolian influence on southern Russian in their designs, still others have skyscraper motifs like our own modern products.

Unbelievably delicate and skillfully done are some carvings of mammoth tusk, made by peasants during the long ten-month winter in far northern Yakutsk.

To have a true estimate of one's powers and to be able to recognise greater powers in others when one meets them is surely the ideal.

Paper cutters, cigarette cases, umbrellas, and cane handles, decorative combs, pins and hair things, such as desk sets, are carved from single pieces of this ivory. Most valuable of these is a desk set with holder and inkstand, eighteen inches long, carved from a single tusk. Its camel train for decoration shows the influence of the Amolinsk Russians who came from far away to trade with Yakutsk.

Textiled Daily Life.

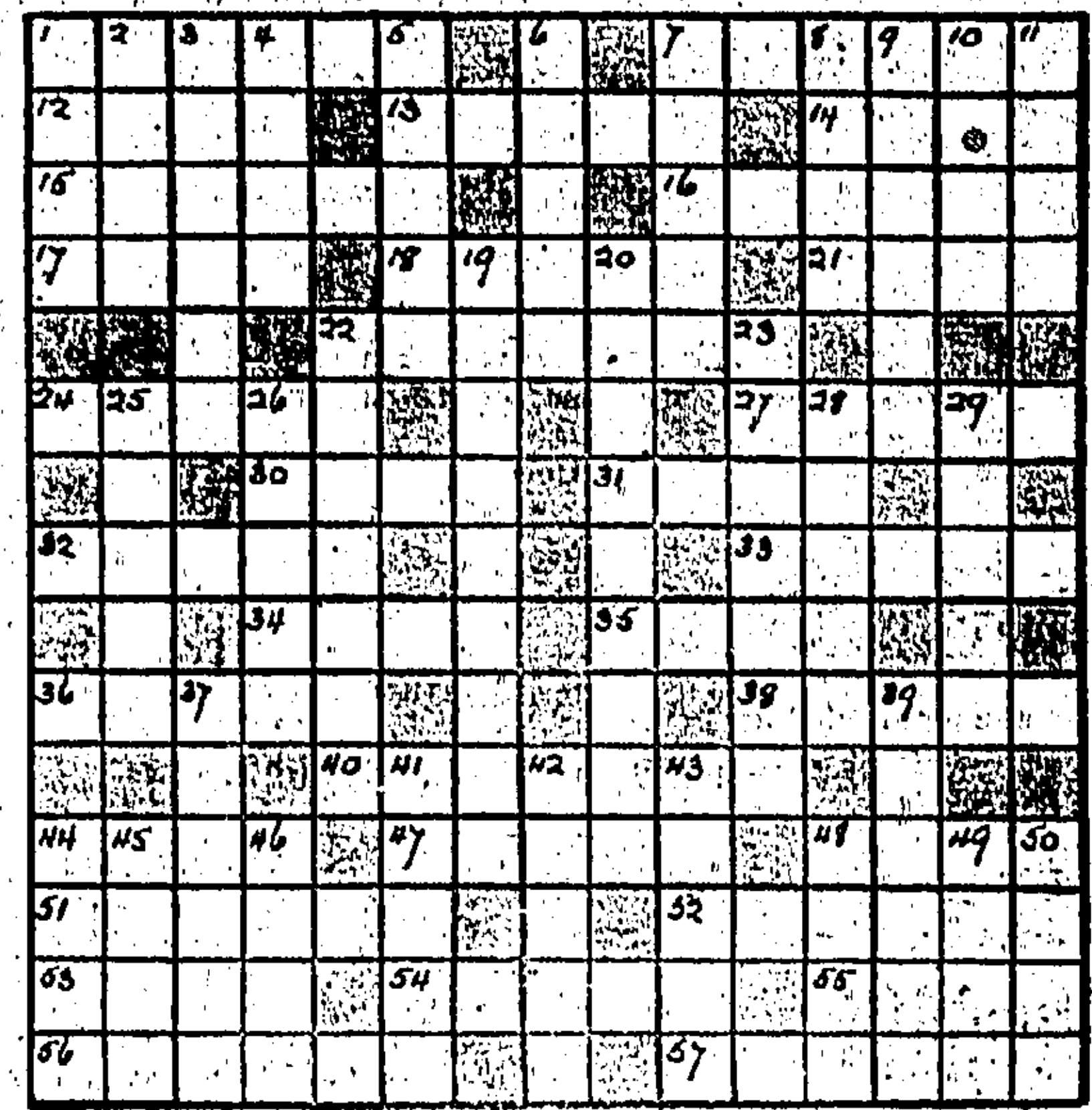
The textiles have unusual richness in the vivid application of daily life to the designs. On table-cloths, bridge-covers, lamp shades, birds, brags and fish all play a part. New smocks, of

up above one eyebrow with a paste brooch, its sole ornament, and the only thing which breaks its perfectly flat line. It sounds trying, but it is very becoming, indeed far more so than the tight, hard felt we've been accustomed to all the winter.

hand-woven fine linen, have modernistic designs in brilliant tones. But most of this type of Coustain work shows the influence of the humble barnyard or the nearby woods or rivers.

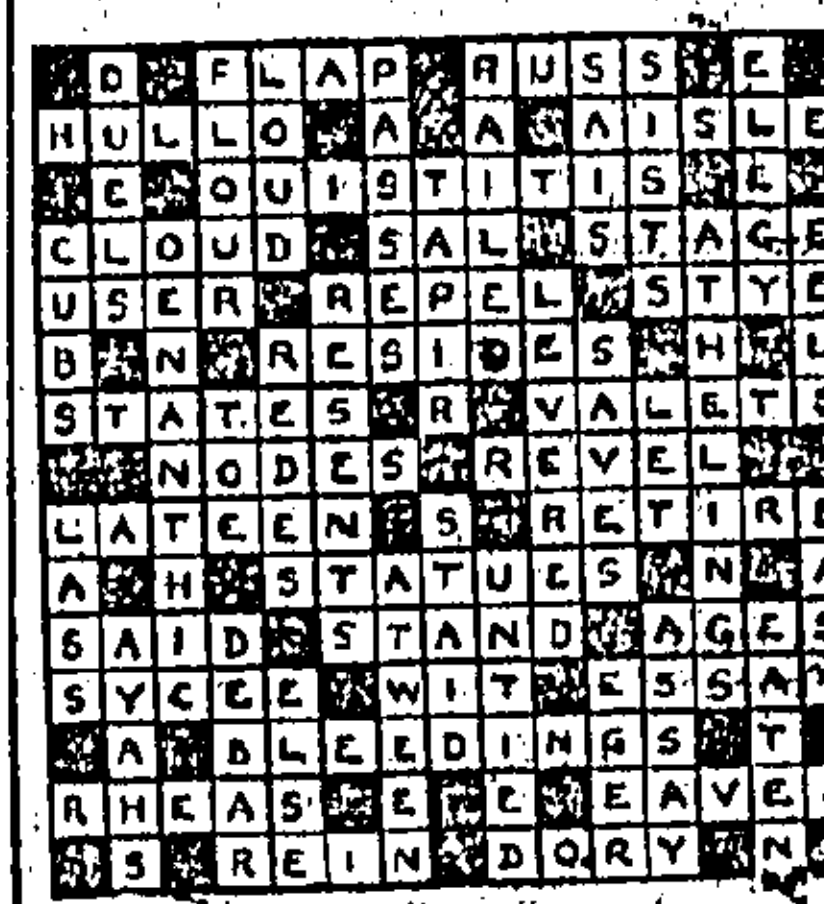
A new bridge cover uses a vivid orange for its centre squares, all put in by hand, of course. Each deep orange square has a rooster, snake, fish or horse in it, while the outside squares have dark figures embroidered in greens, blues, yellows and reds. Altogether a most ornamental piece. A lamp shade in reds, black and white has a hand-made panel of cross-stitch, with a woman, her chickens and reindeer worked alongside her.

OUR CROSSWORD PUZZLE.



- Across.
- 1 Scandalous bird.
 - 7 Pertaining to the north.
 - 12 Yard.
 - 13 Ancient Greek race.
 - 14 Figure on an escutcheon.
 - 15 Downy substance growing in pods.
 - 16 Undoes.
 - 17 It was (Poetical).
 - 18 Weight of four grains.
 - 21 Quadrumanous animals.
 - 22 Applauded.
 - 24 One who bestows.
 - 27 Sing like the Swiss.
 - 30 Kind of starch forming nutritious food.
 - 31 Sister of one's father.
 - 32 Lukewarm.
 - 33 Valuable perfume.
 - 34 In addition.
 - 35 Free from pain.
 - 36 Catch by gulls.
 - 38 Lie in a particular direction.
 - 40 In a sweet manner.
 - 44 Eager.
 - 47 Ascend.
 - 48 First in importance.
 - 51 Oppose.
 - 52 Penetrate.
 - 53 Companion.
 - 54 Tupil.
 - 55 Portico.
 - 56 One who slates buildings.
 - 57 Consider as an affront.
- Down.
- 1 Contract.
 - 2 Successfully.
 - 3 Keep.
 - 4 Rodent mammals.
 - 5 Fish of the carp family.
 - 6 To give out a dazzling light.
 - 7 Sharp at the end.
 - 8 School rule.

Yesterday's Puzzle.

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LIFE SPENT ON A
DICTATIONARY.

Mr. J. C. Gilbert, the last of the veteran printers who have worked on the "Oxford English Dictionary" from the letter A, during forty-five years, has retired from the Clarendon Press, at Oxford. He began setting up type on letter A of what was then called "Murray's Dictionary" in the summer of 1882.

Mr. Gilbert, who is aged 69, remembers the visits of Sir James Murray in the benches to see the work in progress. He has printed, with the exceptions of sections T, U, X, Y, and Z, the derivation of practically every word in the language, and it has occupied the whole of his working life. The only other veterans who began with letter A are Mr. J. De la Mare, who lives in Oxford, and Mr. G. Ormerod, who is aged 88, and who lives near Brighton.

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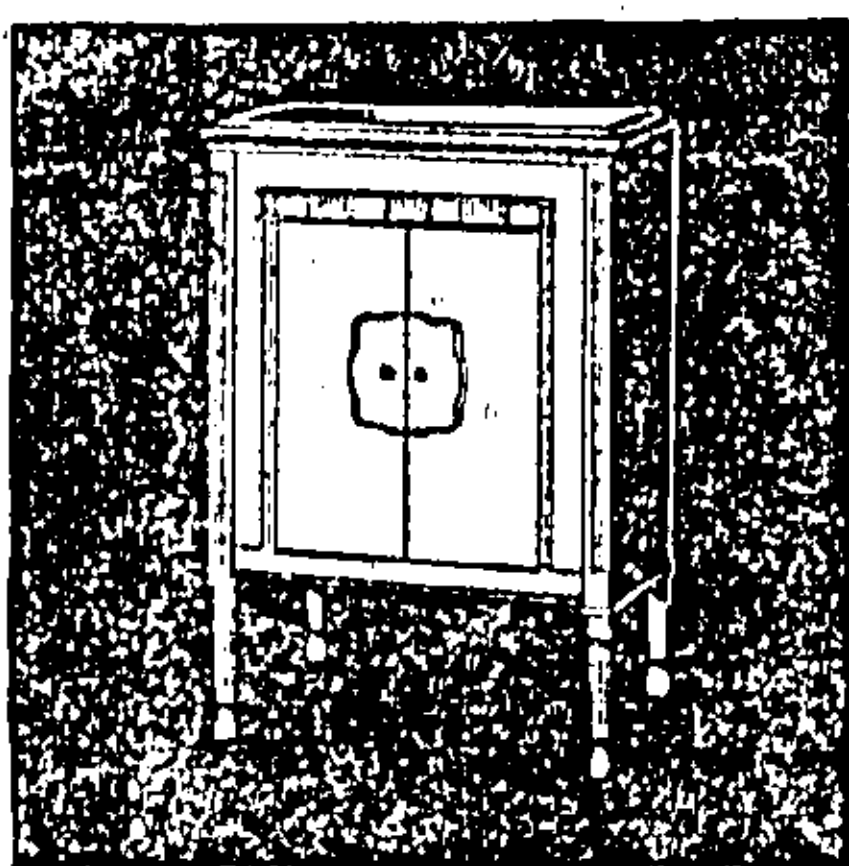
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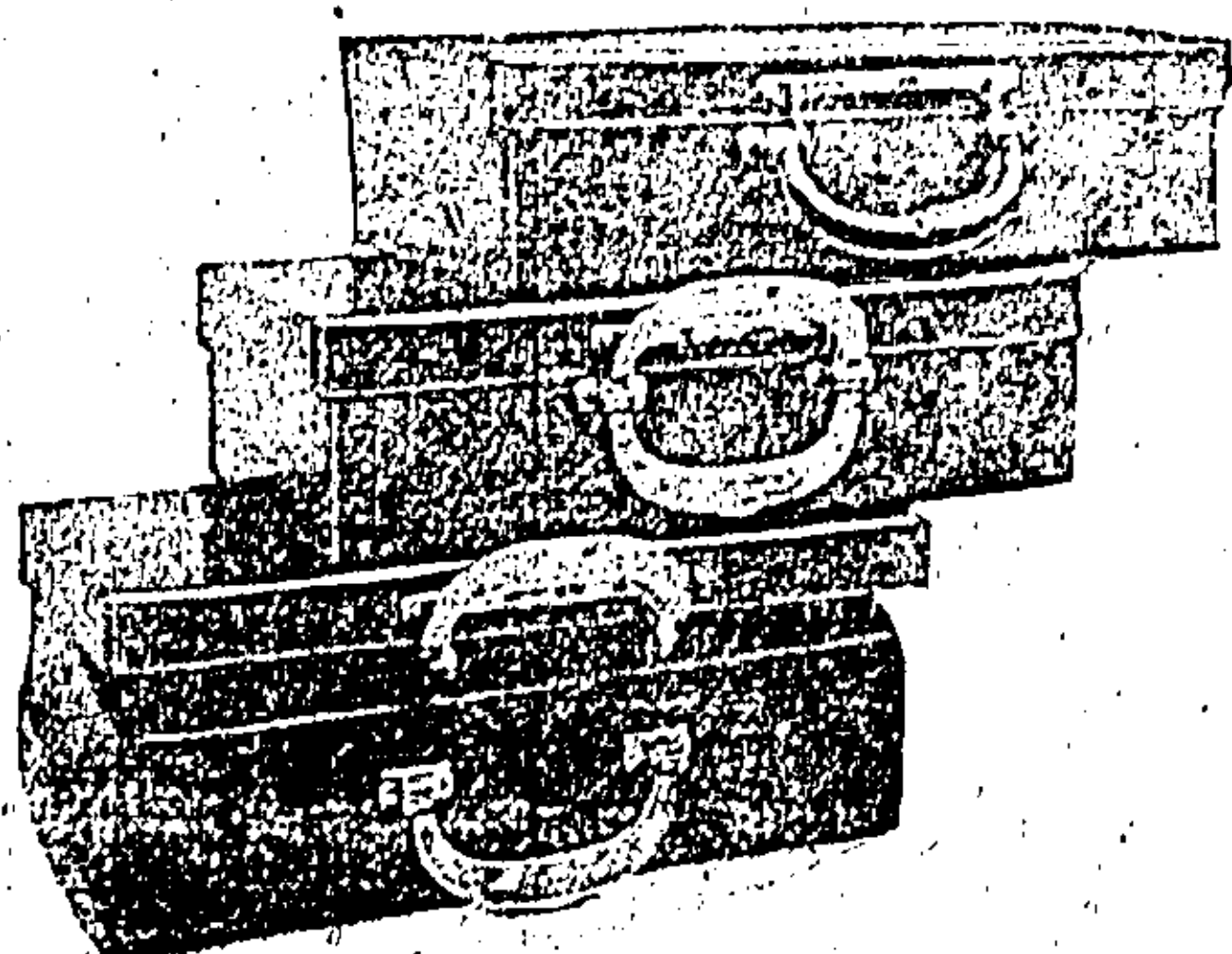
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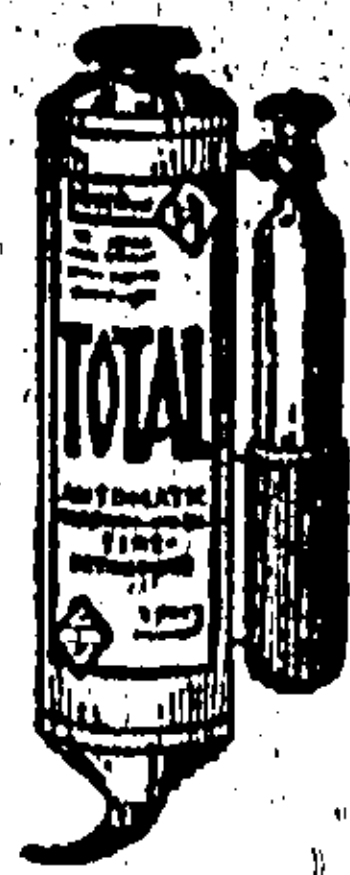


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MARRIAGE.

PEYTON—THORNHILL.—On March the 19th, at St. John's Cathedral, Hongkong, by the Very Rev. Alfred Swann, who was assisted by the Rev. E. S. Ulyat, of H.M.S. Argus, Lieut. Richard Anthony Peyton R.N. of H.M.S. Argus, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Peyton, of Plumer, England, and Iris McCoan, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Thornhill, of Hongkong.

The
Hongkong Telegraph.

TUESDAY, MARCH 20, 1928.

THE COTTON CRISIS.

Excepting an unconfirmed report of the possibility of a combine of mills in the American section of the spinning trade, no new developments have been disclosed in the cotton industry crisis since the announcement, a fortnight ago, that there had been a breakdown in the joint conference between the owners and operatives. It was on a relatively minor point that that breakdown occurred, but the impression was created that it would not be easy to bring masters and men together again, as the latter left the conference with a feeling that the owners did not really desire a serious enquiry into the problems facing the industry. The issues raised are of vital importance to British industry; they are not to be treated as a domestic affair of the cotton trade, concerning no-one else. As one journal expressed it recently, prolonged labour conflict, such as would be required to induce the operatives to agree to longer hours, would finally extinguish any chance the cotton trade may have of recovering lost markets. It would throw back the whole movement towards better industrial relations, and it would upset most seriously the balance of trade, with far-reaching reactions on Britain's economic life.

It has been held, and with considerable show of reason, that the state in which the cotton industry now finds itself represents an essentially different phenomenon from an ordinary general trade depression, likely soon to pass away. Support for this argument is found in the fact that most lines of British economic activity are showing considerable expansion and prosperity, this proving that there is no longer a general trade depression. The problem which has now arisen is that of a serious decline in an old-established exporting industry, representing a shifting of economic life from one sort of equilibrium to another. It is because of such developments that we have heard much of late concerning the desirability of increasing the mobility of labour by establishing training centres, of the importance of pressing forward with work of national development, and the urgency of reconstruction in depressed industries. In the case of the cotton industry, the *Nation*, in commenting on the dangers of the situation, asserts that "we must reckon with the desperation of the Master Spinners, losing money steadily week after week, seeing no end to it, conscious that a stoppage would at least stop their losses and enable them to reap a profit on their stocks. Such conditions put men in a mood to plunge recklessly," says this journal, which adds that "the Master Spinners cannot be accepted to-day as trustworthy custodians of the permanent interests of their industry." These are strong words; their use by a reputable publication only serves to illustrate the seriousness of the crisis.

One opinion which appears to be gaining favour at home is that the time has come when the Government should step in and lend its weight to the attempts which are being made to save the industry. In this connexion, it is urged that official intervention should even go so far as to insist on the effective reorganisation of the industry. There appears to be no lack of constructive minds or constructive schemes in Lancashire, but the difficulty is to secure sufficient unanimity to carry out any scheme on a purely voluntary basis. The establishment of a new Cotton Control Board, representative of employers, operatives and merchants, armed with compulsory powers, is one of the suggestions which has been put forward. Obviously, a policy of drift will lead nowhere, and some definite action will soon have to be taken if the industry is to be saved from complete bankruptcy.

A Motor-Cycle Club.

The Motor-Cycle Reliability Trial may have results not contemplated by the organisers if present enthusiasm does not wane as rapidly as it rose. The value of the trial as a competition has given way in importance to the demonstration it gave of the amount of sport to be had from motor-cycling distinct from tearing round the New Territories in two hours and a bit, or the island in seven minutes better than one's previous best. Many of the riders came entirely new to the experience of a regulated trial, and it is from among this number chiefly that the cry for more comes. Even the wiser heads were impressed by the remarkably good response to the first attempt at organisation, and the idea of a Motor-Cycle Club is being freely mooted. Over 500 motor-cycles are in use in this Colony, and it is felt that from such a number it would not require great inducement to secure a membership of at least three hundred. Of course, should the Club be taken up as a concrete proposal, its ideas must be big from the beginning if success is to be assured. Its activities would be divided into three main branches, social, mechanical and sporting. Under the first head, the Club would organise occasional social runs, picnics, etc. Under the second, the establishment of workshops where repairs could be effected at cost, is essential even if a Club Garage is not. In the sporting line, the Club has a wide scope. Trials of different kinds, motor-cycle football (for those that like it) paper chases, hidden treasure hunts, and so on, would find a ready response. Motor-cycling as a hobby has possibilities unique to this method of locomotion. A keen motor-cyclist is always a motor-cyclist and scorns the driver of the unthrilling four-wheeler. He can find a passage where the motor-car is taboo and the more difficult the progress, the greater the enjoyment. There are, however, many difficulties to be faced in the organisation of a Club which could only be overcome by a large and representative meeting of motor-cycle enthusiasts. The sponsors would have to decide whether to concentrate their efforts in Hongkong and lose potential Kowloon members, or vice versa. It might be possible to arrange for both sides to work jointly, but inevitably sectionalisation would have to figure. The Harbour-crossing is the big snag at the moment.

DAY BY DAY.

WE LOSE VIGOUR THROUGH THINKING CONTINUALLY THE SAME SET OF THOUGHTS.—*Prentice Mulford.*

The P. and O. s.s. Lahore, from Singapore, is due here at 6 a.m. on the 26th instant.

Mr. Wong Kam-fuk, wife and daughter arrived here from a trip in Japan by the s.s. President Lincoln.

Mr. K. L. Dugan arrived here by the s.s. President Lincoln to join the staff of the National City Bank of New York.

Among the passengers arriving in Hongkong yesterday on the s.s. President Grant were the Rev. John Fitzgerald and Mr. and Mrs. E. Keller.

The s.s. President Lincoln, arriving from U.S. ports and Shanghai this morning with 124 Asiatic deck passengers, reports a suspected case of leprosy.

Amongst the arrivals by the s.s. President Lincoln to-day were Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Lester and family, Mr. H. W. Ray, Mr. C. S. Gubbay and Mr. J. S. Gubbay.

The forthcoming marriage is announced of the Rev. H. A. Wittenbach, of St. Stephen's College, and Miss Hannah Gertrude Blanchet, C.M.S. Home, Canton.

The motor vessel *Malayan Prince*, from New York, sailed from Shanghai on Sunday afternoon, and is expected to arrive here to-morrow at daylight.

Adjutant A. Harris of the Salvation Army is giving an address on "With the poor in North China" at the St. Peter's Church Young Men's Club to-morrow night.

Lady Chow Shou-son has kindly consented to distribute the prizes at the Wah Yan College on Monday next. Mr. E. Ralphs, the Inspector of English Schools, will preside.

The body of a Chinese draftsman, who was residing temporarily at Duro Garage, Nathan Road, was found dead hanging from a beam in the servants' quarters at the garage yesterday.

A Chinese coolie in an alleged attempt to commit suicide, jumped into the Harbour at Connaught Road West yesterday afternoon. He was rescued by sampans in the vicinity and removed to the Government Civil Hospital.

The following Notice to Mariners has been issued by the local authorities under date of yesterday, on information given by the master of s.s. *Tijkarang*:—"Strong discoloration in Latitude 9.50.15 N., Longitude 109.03.45 E., on March 10.

The reception to Mr. K. S. Chowdhury, the first Indian barrister to be admitted to practice locally, which was postponed from the beginning of the month, will be given at Hotel Savoy at 5.15 p.m. on Friday next. The hosts are the Khalsa Diwan.

Last week's health return shows five cases of small-pox and one each of typhoid and cerebro-spinal fever. None of the cases were fatal, and all the sufferers were Chinese. There were two Chinese deaths from influenza. Two further Chinese cases of small-pox were notified yesterday.

This morning's Harbour Office reports gave 13 arrivals and 15 departures, with Japanese making the highest return of entries and British the best of the departures, leaving 66 vessels in harbour, of which 21 were British. There was a heavy tonnage, but inward freights were low, while those for ports beyond showed an increase. The best freights of the day were Japanese, French, American and British in that order.

Mr. Maurice Braddell, who is rapidly making a name for himself as a cinema actor, is a brother of Mr. Roland Braddell, of Singapore, and son of the late Sir Thomas Braddell, Chief Judicial Commissioner of the F. M. S. He was originally destined for the Bar himself, but went on to the stage instead and from there has gravitated to the new art of the screen with conspicuous success. British productions have made great strides recently, and Mr. Maurice Braddell is one of the new discoveries among British juvenile leads.

PUBLIC DRIVER'S RECKLESSNESS.

DECLARES IT TEDIOUS TO FOLLOW LORRY.

When the Chinese driver of public car No. 68 was summoned before Major C. Willson at the Central Police Court this morning, for reckless driving, Mr. Gould who appeared as the complainant, described the man's offence as being sheer recklessness.

Mr. Gould said he was proceeding to town from Repulse Bay when, at the lower end of Stubbs Road, he encountered a lorry coming round the bend.

Behind the lorry there was a string of cars containing tourists from the s.s. *Calendonia*, one of which the defendant's car—endeavouring to pass the lorry.

Mr. Gould expressed the opinion that in nosing towards the right the defendant must have seen witness's car which was in full view, but notwithstanding, the danger of the manoeuvre, persisted.

Had it not been for a sharp application of the emergency brake, coupled with presence of mind on the part of his own driver, who zigzagged and was able to get through, there would have been a collision. It was sheer recklessness on the part of the defendant, added Mr. Gould.

Defendant pleaded he found it tedious to follow behind the slower lorry.

Inspector Alexander handed in the man's record, and stated that it was a very bad one. The same man had been involved in two previous accidents. His Worship inflicted a fine of \$25.

Motorcyclists Fined.

Mr. D. Thompson, of the Dairy Farm, pleaded guilty to leaving his motor-cycle, No. 166, unattended in Des Voeux Road, and was fined \$4.

He also appeared for Mr. Abbott, of the same Company, who was also summoned for leaving a motor-cycle unattended. A fine of \$4 was imposed.

HUGE OPIUM HAUL.

OVER 3,000 TAEIS ON CHINESE STEAMER.

An attempt to smuggle a large quantity of opium was frustrated yesterday afternoon when a visit was paid to the s.s. *Tai Tze Ma* at the Tai Hing Wharf, by Chief Preventive Officer Clarke and Revenue Officer Ward.

After a long search among the cargo, they were auspicious of a consignment of cassia in bales marked "Cassia, London." Examining the contents, they found 3,190 taels of raw opium, neatly concealed in fifty three parcels hidden within the bales of cassia as well as 440 taels of prepared opium in large tins.

Two Chinese were arrested and appeared before Mr. R. E. Lindell, at the Central Magistracy this morning, charged with the possession and importation of the contraband. Mr. C. A. S. Russ defended.

C. P. O. Clarke, who prosecuted informed his Worship that the two arrested men did not belong to the ship. They were foks of a shop in Des Voeux Road West. The hearing of the case is fixed for noon on Thursday.

EXCHANGE RATES.

London, Mar. 19.

Paris	124
Geneva	25.34
Berlin	20.40
Oslo	18.23
Helsingfors	19.33
Athens	8.69
Buenos Aires	47.20/32
Hongkong	2/0 3/4
New York	4.82 15/32
Amsterdam	12.125
Stockholm	18.18
Vienna	84.645
Madrid	29
Bucharest	787 1/2
Bombay	1/5 1/3/32
Yokohama	1/11 3/32
Brussels	35.01
Milan	13.21
Copenhagen	18.21
Prague	14.34
Lisbon	21.16
Rio	6.50/64
Shanghai	2/0 3/4
Silver (spot)	20 1/2
Silver (forward)	20 1/2

—British Wireless.

Upon the arrival from Wuchow of a Chinese steamer two days ago the Hongkong Police effected a big opium haul, when, according to a vernacular press report, 440 taels of prepared opium and 3,190 taels of non-prepared opium were discovered. Two Chinese passengers on board have been detained.

The Very Idea!

A woman was talking with a friend about the athletic achievements of the latter's son.

"Your boy must be an exceptionally fast runner; I see this morning's paper states that he fairly burned up the track under his record-breaking speed. I suppose you saw him do it?"

"No, I didn't see him do it," replied the boy's mother. "But I saw the track this morning, and there was nothing but cinders there."

Imitation of the sun as a means for heating churches or rooms with high ceilings has been originally and successfully applied in Amsterdam (says the "Christian Science Monitor"). Dr. William Lulofs, director of the municipal electricity works in that city, has invented such a system, which is now in use in a new synagogue. Two electrical heat reflectors have been placed on the lower part of the ceiling of the building, enabling the heat rays to reach everybody in the auditorium. The results are surprising. As soon as the installation is turned on one feels an agreeable sunbeam-like heat as on a fresh spring day, warming one through and through without giving any sense of suffocation, or humidity, so often apparent in rooms heated with water or steam pipes.

Debtor at Shoreditch: If you turned me upside down you would not find a tramcar fare.

Hoxton woman: It was not a real quarrel—at least, no blows were struck.

Mr. T. W. Moss, a Southend magistrate, to a youth accused of gaming: What is the game of pontoon? Chairman (Sir Frederic Senier): Oh, do not demoralise us.

It was stated at Shoreditch County Court that a doctor to be called as a witness had attended a smallpox case. Judge Cluer: I have nursed children with smallpox and have not even changed my clothes.

Mr. Registrar Friend, at Clerkenwell: Working a thing is what we used to call wangling it. Barrister: Swinging the lead? The Registrar: Oh, no; swinging the lead is a different thing. It is a definite art.

Judge—"Did the accused give you the impression of a drunken man on the night of the affair?" Witness—"Yes, he was wearing a watch with an illuminated dial and was trying to light his cigar by it."

Cognac, head of the well-known drapers, La Samaritaine, has bequeathed 100,000,000 francs to the Academie Francaise, the income from which is to be devoted to the encouragement of large families. Grants to the number of 500 to 600 are annually to be allotted to French families at home and in Algeria.

The woman lecturing on dress reform was greatly shocked when she read the report as published in the paper. The writer had been innocent enough, for his concluding sentence was:—"The lady lecturer on dress wore nothing that was remarkable."

But the report ran as follows:—"The lady lecturer on dress wore nothing. That was remarkable."

Mr. Henry Ford, in an interview, pictured the future as a boundaryless United States of the World, with interplanetary communication. He added: "Women will be freed from household drudgery, cooking will not be done at home, great corporations will plow and sow for farmers, and parts of the body, when worn out, will be replaced like machinery. There will be universal prohibition of liquor and tobacco." He said that no one now smoked in the Ford industries.

At a recent examination of girls for the rite of confirmation, in answer to the question, "What is the outward and visible sign and form in baptism?" the reply was, "The baby, sir."

Appropos the Shakespeare Compositions, a correspondent sends me a story of Mr. William Shakespeare, the singer. At a certain dinner party he had a French lady assigned to him to take in. She looked at him in surprise and gasped, "Et si jeune!"

Schoolboy howlers:—Britain is divided into three parts—London, Midland, and Scotland.

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Ambiguity means telling the truth when you don't want to.

BASIS OF EMPIRE CO-OPERATION.**MR. HERTZOG STRESSES NEED OF INDEPENDENCE.****NOW QUITE SATISFIED.**

Capetown, Mar. 19. Replying in the Assembly to the debate on the report of the Imperial Conference, Mr. Hertzog, the Premier, said that never before in his life, at any rate as a politician, had he felt more strongly in favour of co-operation with the Empire, but it would be only on the basis of full independence that South Africa, or any other Dominion, would ever consent to co-operate with the British Empire.

Co-operation, said Mr. Hertzog, was the governing principle of Empire existence. Take away that co-operation, and there was no Empire. Co-operation meant not only co-operation in war-time. If they wanted the Empire to be an Empire in the real sense of the word, there must be co-operation between free peoples, in the first place, in peace-time, and that co-operation was only obtainable on a basis of independence.

Fortunately, as far as Britain and British Governments were concerned, there was no longer any question with regard to the character, degree or extent of Dominion independence.—*Reuter.*

SINGAPORE ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY.**LADIES MAY NOW BECOME MEMBERS.**

Ladies can now become members of the Singapore St. Andrew's Society according to the new rules which were passed at a special meeting held in the Cricket Club last week. All the alterations of rules recommended by the committee were agreed to.

Previous to the special meeting the annual meeting of the Society was held for the purpose of passing accounts and transacting other business. The Vice-Chairman, Mr. D. B. McLeay, presided.

Owing to the alteration in the date of the financial year ending, which is now Mar. 31, there was no election of officers due at this meeting. A further meeting will be held in May.

Mr. McLeay said that since their last meeting there had passed away one of the most prominent Scotsmen of our time, Earl Haig. He found, on looking up the records, that on the signing of the Armistice a telegram of congratulation had been sent from the Society to Earl Haig. He would like to move that they should show their respect for his memory by a record on the minutes.

The resolution was carried by the members standing. The Society is in a flourishing condition financially, and there is at present a credit balance of \$2,400.

"ARGUS" LEAVES FOR HOME.**GIVEN GOOD SEND-OFF THIS MORNING.**

H.M.S. Argus, known to the Chinese as "the butterfly ship," sailed for Home this morning at 9.30, men-of-war in harbour giving a regular naval send-off, with farewell messages flying at the mast-heads and crews lined up on the fore-castle to give a parting cheer.

She was accompanied out of harbour by a number of submarines, it being understood that these were detached for the purpose of carrying out exercises against the Argus with dummy torpedoes.

Bumboats and canteen craft furnished the local colour, by firing long strings of crackers as the ship left her berth and proceeded out through Lyemun Pass.

BIG ARMS HAUL.

Arrested on board the s.s. President Grant, a Chinese appeared before Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, charged with being in possession of twelve revolvers and 1,200 rounds of ammunition. It was stated that the man was unemployed, and a remand for further enquiries was ordered.

EARL BALFOUR UNWELL.

London, Mar. 19. Earl Balfour, who has been ill for some time, has cancelled all engagements on account of a heart attack.—*Reuter.*

DOCK COMPANY'S DEVELOPMENT.**FACILITIES SECOND TO NONE.****SHAREHOLDERS' PROPOSALS PUT INTO EFFECT.****MORE CAPITAL LATER.**

That the policy of improvement and development at Kowloon Dock had resulted in the facilities for shipbuilding being second to none in the world, which was shown by the fact that the Company had been frequently asked to tender for the building of ships against Home firms, was declared by the Hon. Mr. D. G. M. Bernard, presiding at the ordinary yearly meeting of shareholders of the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd., this morning.

He announced that a scheme for the more economical working of the Company had been put into operation, which, he trusted, would be beneficial to the Company; and also that a fresh issue of shares would be made as soon as the Directors considered the time opportune.

Directors present in addition to the Chairman were Mr. H. P. White, Mr. T. G. Weall, Mr. Allan Cameron, and Mr. W. H. Bell; Mr. R. M. Dyer, B.Sc., M.I.N.A. (Chief Manager), and Mr. E. L. Hosie, C.A. (Secretary). Shareholders present were Messrs. Lo Koon-hang, E. Abraham, R. A. Dastur, A. H. M. da Silva, M. Fernandez, Chan Siu-hing and Shum Hip-tong.

Chairman's Speech.

After the Chief Manager had read the notice convening the meeting.

The Chairman said:—Gentlemen, The report and accounts having been in your possession for the last two weeks, I will, with your permission, follow the usual procedure and take them as read. It is with considerable pleasure that we can this time put before you a balance sheet showing a profit on the year's working. While regretting we cannot for the past year recommend the payment of a dividend, we trust that shareholders will consider the result fairly satisfactory bearing in mind conditions which have ruled in shipping, not only in the Far East, but the world over, during that period.

When I last addressed you, I mentioned that the report of the Shareholders Committee which had been appointed to advise the Directors with a view to the more economical working of the Company had just been received and would have the most careful consideration of the Board. Subsequently, every point mentioned in the report was fully discussed at a meeting between the Chief Manager, the committee and myself. During the year, various of the recommendations, more particularly with regard to the Costing and Time-keeping Departments have, as nearly as practicable, been given effect to, with results which I trust will be beneficial to the Company, and which will be to its ultimate advantage as the volume of work increases.

The Committee emphasised the fact that we are suffering from the considerable capital expenditure of the past few years, and that this has been brought into prominence through want of working generally. This fact your Directors are well aware of, but it was impossible three or four years ago to foresee what was going to happen in the Colony during that period, and having embarked on a policy of improvement and development, they had sufficient faith in the future of Hongkong and this Company not to call a sudden halt and cancel contracts at the commencement of the very difficult times from which we are now appearing to emerge.

Improvement Policy.

A great deal of this capital expenditure has been in the acquisition and levelling of land, building of new shops, offices, dwelling houses, pump houses, and purchase of machinery, to give us the necessary space in the future to enlarge and improve our dry docking facilities, and thereby increase our capacity for repair work which is the more profitable side of our business. At the same time, our shipbuilding facilities are now second to none anywhere in the world. The significance of this is brought out by the fact that we are now frequently asked to tender for large and well fitted ships in competition with Home builders. I have not the slightest doubt that, when times improve, we shall get our share of these large orders, though, at the present time, competition is so strenuous that it is difficult to obtain much with a margin of profit.

Increased Capital.

The committee agree with the Directors that the capital of the Company should be increased as

WINS FOR BRITISH BOXERS.**HILL GAINS EUROPEAN TITLE.****PHIL SCOTT'S VICTORY.**

London, Mar. 19. Johnny Hill (British Champion), beat Emile Pladner (French Champion) on points in a twenty round contest at the National Sporting Club last night for the European Flyweight Championship. The boxers weighed in during the afternoon and both weighed 7 stone 13½ pounds.—*Reuter.*

In a 10-round heavyweight contest here, Phil Scott, the British champion, defeated Pierre Charles, the Belgian champion, on points.—*Reuter's American Service.*

POLICE RESERVE.**THE LATEST ORDERS.**

Hongkong Police Reserve orders by the Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe, C.M.G., Captain Superintendent of Police, state:

Chinese Company.

Training—Part 1.—Recruits will parade at the Central Police Station on Thursday, March 22nd and Tuesday, March 27th for Squad Drill under Sergeant R. J. Hunt. Fall in on each evening at 6.30 p.m. sharp. Dress:—Muffi.

Flying Squad.

Members who have not yet been passed out of Part 1 of Training Course will attend at the Central Police Station Company at 5.30 p.m. sharp on Thursday, March 22nd for Squad Drill under Sergeant R. J. Hunt. There will be no weekly instructional patrol of the Flying Squad on this date.

Sharpshooters' Company.

Equipment.—All members of the Company who have not yet returned their old leather equipment are requested to do so at the earliest moment.

Rifle Practice.—Preliminary notice is hereby given of the next regular rifle practice which will be held at the Peak Range on Sunday morning, April 8th at 10 a.m. Members will meet at the Upper Tram Station at 9.45 a.m. as before. Uniform optional.

Governor's Inspection.

The Inspection by His Excellency the Governor which was provisionally fixed for March 23rd is postponed. The practice parade suggested for Wednesday, March 21st, is therefore cancelled. (Sgd.) L. H. CALTHROP, A. S. P., Adjutant.

The London Gazette states that Lieut. F. E. Peel (ret.), Regular Army Reserve of Officers, R. Sussex Regt., is removed from the Army, His Majesty having no further need for his services.

soon as conditions permit. This is receiving careful attention, and a fresh issue of shares will be made when the Directors consider the time opportune.

Turning to the accounts, I may mention that all the interest on our bank advance amounting to the large sum of \$409,489.46, has been debited to Profit & Loss Accounts. The sum of \$62,017.81, depreciation, is in the opinion of your Chief Manager, ample to allow for depreciation during the year, plant and buildings having been kept in good repair and the same charged to working account. The value of the material on hand has been determined by the Company's storekeepers, and checked by the Chief Manager as usual.

The form of our balance sheet which has come in for some criticism is identical with those of large similar concerns at Home, and has the approval of our auditors.

I would like to thank our staff both European and Chinese for their loyal service during the past year. I do not think there is anything more calling for comment, and I now beg to propose the adoption of the report and accounts, and when this has been seconded, I shall be pleased to answer to the best of my ability any questions which shareholders may like to ask.

Business Matters.

This was seconded by Mr. White and was carried unanimously.

On the proposition of Mr. Abraham, seconded by Mr. Dastur, the Hon. Mr. D. G. M. Bernard and Mr. H. P. White were re-elected Directors.

Mr. da Silva proposed that Messrs. Lowe, Ringham and Matthews and Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth and Fleming be re-elected auditors at a remuneration of \$1,500 each. This was seconded by Mr. Fernandez and carried unanimously.

AMERICAN DAM DISASTER.**NIGHT OF TERROR IN CALIFORNIA.****BODIES CARRIED FOR MILES IN TERRIBLE FLOODS.****HELPLESS VICTIMS.**

Cable messages to Manila newspapers give further details of the terrible disaster caused by the bursting of the St. Francis dam in California last week. Nearly 300 lives were lost, and the property damage is said to range between ten million and thirty millions dollars. Some of the messages are as follows:

Los Angeles, Mar. 13. The bodies of 274 victims of the St. Francis dam disaster had been recovered to-night. In addition, from 300 to 600 persons are missing.

It is estimated that property losses caused by the breaking of the dam amount to from 10,000,000 to \$30,000,000.

Fearing an outbreak of typhoid, the authorities are taking drastic precautions to preserve sanitation.

Newhall, Mar. 13. Approximately 175 persons are known to have been killed and officials fear that perhaps as many as 225 more perished in a torrent of water which swept through San Francisco canyon and the lowlands below with the breaking of St. Francis dam, 25 miles north of here, shortly after midnight to-day.

No Warning.

Peace officers and volunteer rescue workers have recovered 175 bodies, and the death toll is mounting hourly as the subsiding flood reveals further of its victims.

The dam was a part of the extensive water system of the city of Los Angeles, and behind it were stored 1,500,000,000 gallons of water.

It broke without any warning whatever, releasing the entire huge supply of water.

It is estimated that 500 persons were in the narrow canyon and the small valley below when the avalanche of water thundered down upon its victims.

Of this number, only 100 are known to have escaped, and it is believed that the remaining 400 perished.

Flood 75 Feet High.

The torrent carried away everything in its path—human beings, livestock, houses and orchards. The flood, at its height, was estimated to be 75 feet high.

With the news of the disaster, 1,000 Los Angeles police and sheriffs were sent to the scene. They were joined by approximately 1,000 ranchers from the district surrounding the dam.

Early rescue work was hampered by the complete darkness into which the district was thrown, power lines having been broken by the flood.

Bodies Carried for Miles.

Many of these who were killed were carried for miles by the water, while others were buried under the sand and wreckage which the flood left in its wake.

Officers said that the bodies of these latter will not be recovered for days, if ever.

The little valley below San Francisco canyon is a scene of desolation. Virtually every ranch in it was ruined, among them the Harry Cary ranch, owned by the motion picture actor of that name.

Besides sweeping away the houses and orchards, the flood left the fertile land of the valley buried under several feet of rock and sand. The cause of the breakage in the dam is not known, but the theory generally held is that seepage from the abutting hill caused one end of the dam to crumble under the load upon it.

The dam was 135 feet high, and the reservoir behind it was virtually full at the time.

Steam Shovels Used.

Newhall, Mar. 14. Steam shovels were employed in San Francisco canyon to-day to search for the bodies of victims of the St. Francis dam disaster.

The number of persons known to have perished in the flood which followed the breaking of the dam early yesterday has been officially placed at 248, but the tabulation is not exact, owing to omissions and duplications due to broken communications.

Many of those who were killed were buried under the sand and wreckage which the flood left in its wake, and because of this, the steam shovels were brought into use.

Morgues have been established wherever space is available in the devastated region.

Relief agencies are operating throughout the stricken area. The Red Cross has established food, clothing and medical

SIX-YEAR-OLD THIEF CAUGHT.**STEALS SILVER AND RETURNS FOR MORE.****AUNT SENT TO PRISON.**

A very serious view was taken by Mr. W. Schofield, at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, of a case in which a Chinese woman was charged with accepting from her six-year-old nephew, a silver jug, two silver cups and a clock, without making enquiries of their origin.

The small boy was also charged before his Worship on a count of larceny, and receiving stolen property, but having regard to his age, Mr. Schofield discharged him with a warning.

The woman, who was charged with receiving stolen property, admitted that she had given the articles by her nephew and that she had pawned them.

According to Sergeant Mottram, the articles mentioned in the charge were missed from No. 6, King's Terrace, the residence of Mrs. F. W. Black, sometime yesterday morning. The loss was reported to the Police and during investigations, a Chinese detective discovered the missing cups and clock in a pawn shop.

Sometime yesterday afternoon, a small boy was seen on the verandah of No. 6, King's Terrace and was later handed over to the Police. He admitted that he had stolen the missing articles and that he had returned for more.

Later, the boy's aunt went to the Police Station to enquire why her nephew had been arrested. She was detained for enquiries and taken to the pawn shop, was identified as being the woman who had pledged the articles.

His Worship sentenced the defendant to three months' imprisonment and reprimanded the pawn broker for accepting such things from a woman like the defendant.

U. S. PRESIDENCY.**MINNESOTA FAVOURS SMITH NOMINATION.**

Minneapolis, Mar. 15. The Democratic Minnesota State Convention today instructed its 24 delegates to the National Convention to vote for Governor Alfred Smith, of New York for the presidential nomination.

Siege artillery was brought up to deal with a huge ice dam extending for some 12 miles along the Vistula, where floods were feared owing to a thaw. The block was systematically shelled, and the waters released.

HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW?**TO-DAY'S QUESTIONS.**

The following general knowledge paper has been taken from the *Daily Express*.

Answers, for those who need them, will be found on Page 14 of this issue.

- 1 What new service for carrying mails through London has just come into full operation?
- 2 What ban on the broadcasting of certain music has been withdrawn?
- 3 State what important discovery has just been made in South Africa, and what result is anticipated?
- 4 Where have the latest discoveries of coal deposits been made?
- 5 What is meant by "The land of the rising sun"?
- 6 Who was the first Christian Emperor of Rome?
- 7 Name the two great mountain ranges of the United States of America.
- 8 With what famous people are these places associated: Gadshill; Hawarden; Apsley House; Strawberry Hill?
- 9 Who is the hero of "The Odyssey"?
- 10 In what century did the pre-Raphaelite school of art flourish?
- 11 Across what river is the Assuan Dam?
- 12 What is a hedonist?

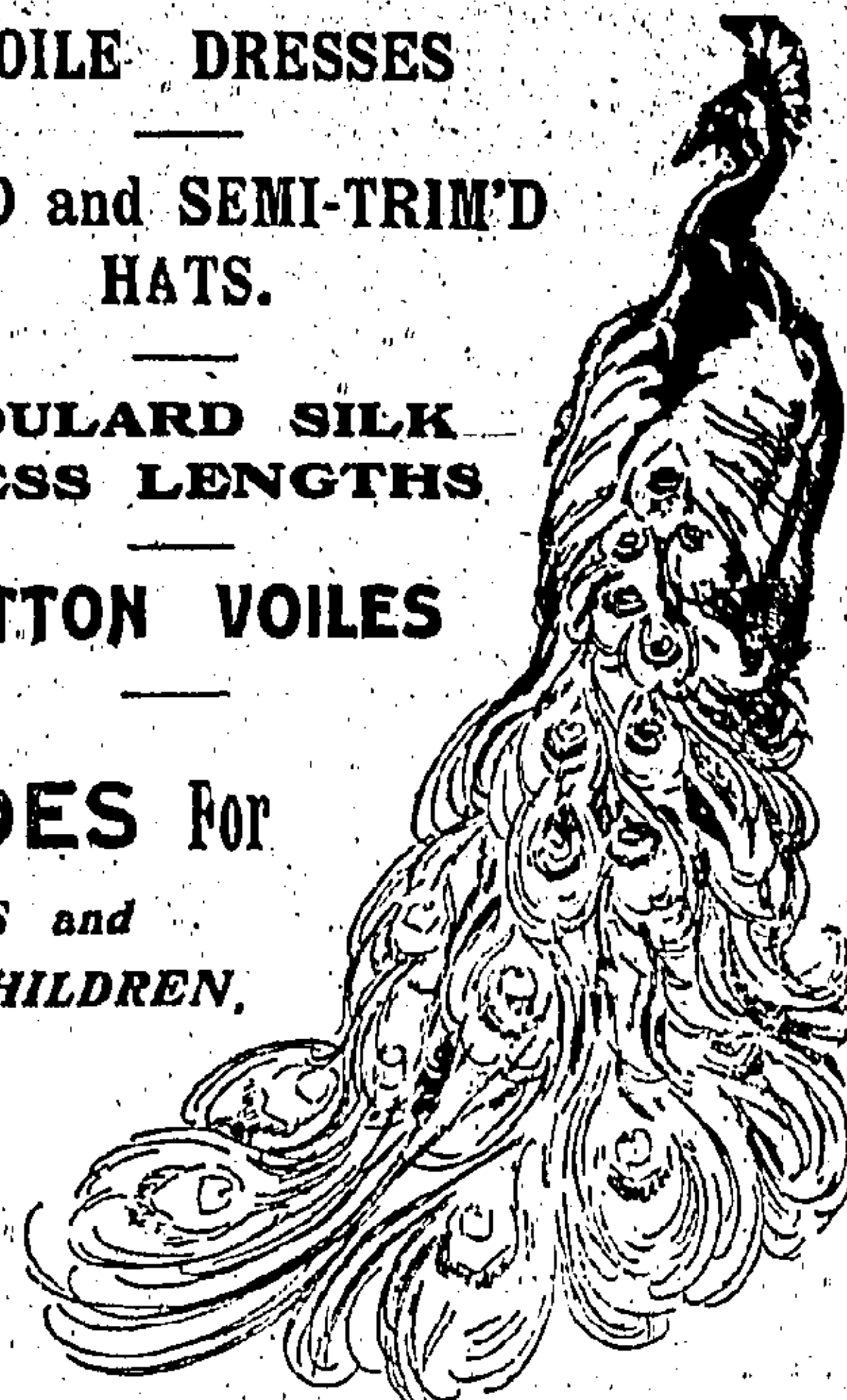
stations, and in addition, supplies are being brought in from Los Angeles and other communities.

Investigation Started.

An official investigation to determine the reason for the dam's collapse has been started.

Builders of the dam do not agree with the generally accepted theory that seepage caused an erosion which led to the collapse of the structure.

They believe that it resulted from an earthquake. The dam was a part of the Los Angeles water system. It was 135 feet high, and impounded 1,500,000 gallons of water.

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The authorities were much concerned about the Poo On Chinese Herbs, but the result of the case was a sure cure.

Mrs. De Ve living in cottage 25 on the co-operative cannery grounds, Modesto, says, she is certainly thankful for all the Poo On Chinese Herbs have done for her family. Mrs. De Ve says: "I had bladder trouble for 6 or 7 years, may be longer, I was always afraid to go to doctors because I knew they would want to operate on me as they had told friends of mine with the same trouble. So I just let it go until I got so bad I had to go to bed. I had all the urinary ills that go with bladder trouble. I happened to hear of the Poo On Chinese Herbs and what wonderful cures they were making, so I decided to try them. I took the herbs just one week and my bladder trouble is gone."

14 YEAR OLD SON ILL.
My boy Hugo is 14 years old. He had a hard growth on the side of his jaw and it pained him a great deal. As Poo On Herbs have helped me so much, I told Hugo to go down and see what these herbs could do for him. He got some and took a couple of teas and his jaw was alright. A few weeks later he took sick again. He caught a bad cold and before we knew it he had quick plural pneumonia. Terrible pains in his back, and sides and ached all over. Everyone of our neighbours thought he was dying. I was afraid too but I knew if the Poo On Chinese Herbs could not save him no one could and I didn't want him to die in a hospital. One of my boys had the same thing years ago and they took him and had to operate on him. They put a tube in his side and oh, how he suffered. He was sick for eight months and even now is not strong. So I didn't want Hugo to go through that. Well, we took him down to the Poo On Chinese Herbs Co., several of us had to help him as he could not stand alone. His back hurt him so and he kept saying: "Oh, My back." The women neighbours just cried as it seemed so bad to see Hugo so sick. We took him back to the cottage after we got some herbs. In a few days he was feeling fine. The third tea stopped his fever and pain and in a week he was fine and quit taking herbs.

OTHER SON HAD ECZEMA.
About two weeks later my boy Arthur began to suffer with a kind of eczema. His face and head broke out with a rash and itched awfully. Of course he went right down to get some Poo On Chinese Herbs, and in a short time his skin was just like a new born baby. So in my own family I found out just what the Poo On Chinese Herbs could do, but I am

going to mention two more cases of neighbours of mine here. One Mrs. Hough who had been operated on twice and was advised a third operation. I told her to take Poo On Chinese Herbs and in a couple of days she was much better. After two weeks she was all right and able to go south with her husband.

TESTIMONY TO NEIGHBOURS CHILD.

The other case, little Florence Harper was very severe. She was suffering with dropsy and other complications. She had two physicians treating her and was gradually growing worse. Her stomach was bloated and she was swelling all over, a dropsy condition. Physicians told her they did not know what was the matter, but thought it was appendicitis and wanted to operate, but her mother would not decide. She had known Mr. H. Cousins who was cured of an ailment of long standing and was so well pleased with Poo On Chinese Herbs. So the girl's brother then called at the Poo On Chinese Herbs Co. and obtained some herbs. The little girl had not been able to eat or sleep. After taking the herbs the girl began to sleep fine. In two days the swelling began to go down. In about nine days the swelling was all gone and she was normal. In less than two weeks she was well and back to school. During the time she was taking the herbs several authorities investigated and all were surprised at the results effected by The Poo On Herbs.

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RIFLE SHOOTING.

DETAILED SCORES OF SCOTTISH EVENT.

Following are the detailed scores in the triangular shoot between the Scots Guards, the King's Own Scottish Borderers, and the Scottish Co. of the Defence corps:

2nd Batt'n I.L.M. Scots Guards.

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Best Individual Scores for each unit.

Including attack scores.

1. C. S. M. Proven, Scots Guards 110

2. T. S. M. Murray, Scots Guards 108

3. P. S. M. Taylor, Scots Guards 106

4. Sgt. Quinn, Scots Guards 104

5. Sgt. Slater, Scots Guards 102

6. Sgt. Lez, Scots Guards 100

7. Gunn. McGrath, Scots Guards 98

8. Lt. Jeffrey, Scots Guards 96

9. C. S. M. Proven, Scots Guards 94

10. T. S. M. Murray, Scots Guards 92

11. P. S. M. Taylor, Scots Guards 90

12. Sgt. Quinn, Scots Guards 88

13. Sgt. Slater, Scots Guards 86

14. Sgt. Lez, Scots Guards 84

15. Gunn. McGrath, Scots Guards 82

16. Lt. Jeffrey, Scots Guards 80

17. C. S. M. Proven, Scots Guards 78

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19. P. S. M. Taylor, Scots Guards 74

20. Sgt. Quinn, Scots Guards 72

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41. C. S. M. Proven, Scots Guards 30

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43. P. S. M. Taylor, Scots Guards 26

44. Sgt. Quinn, Scots Guards 24

45. Sgt. Slater, Scots Guards 22

46. Sgt. Lez, Scots Guards 20

47. Gunn. McGrath, Scots Guards 18

48. Lt. Jeffrey, Scots Guards 16

49. C. S. M. Proven, Scots Guards 14

50. T. S. M. Murray, Scots Guards 12

51. P. S. M. Taylor, Scots Guards 10

52. Sgt. Quinn, Scots Guards 8

53. Sgt. Slater, Scots Guards 6

54. Sgt. Lez, Scots Guards 4

55. Gunn. McGrath, Scots Guards 2

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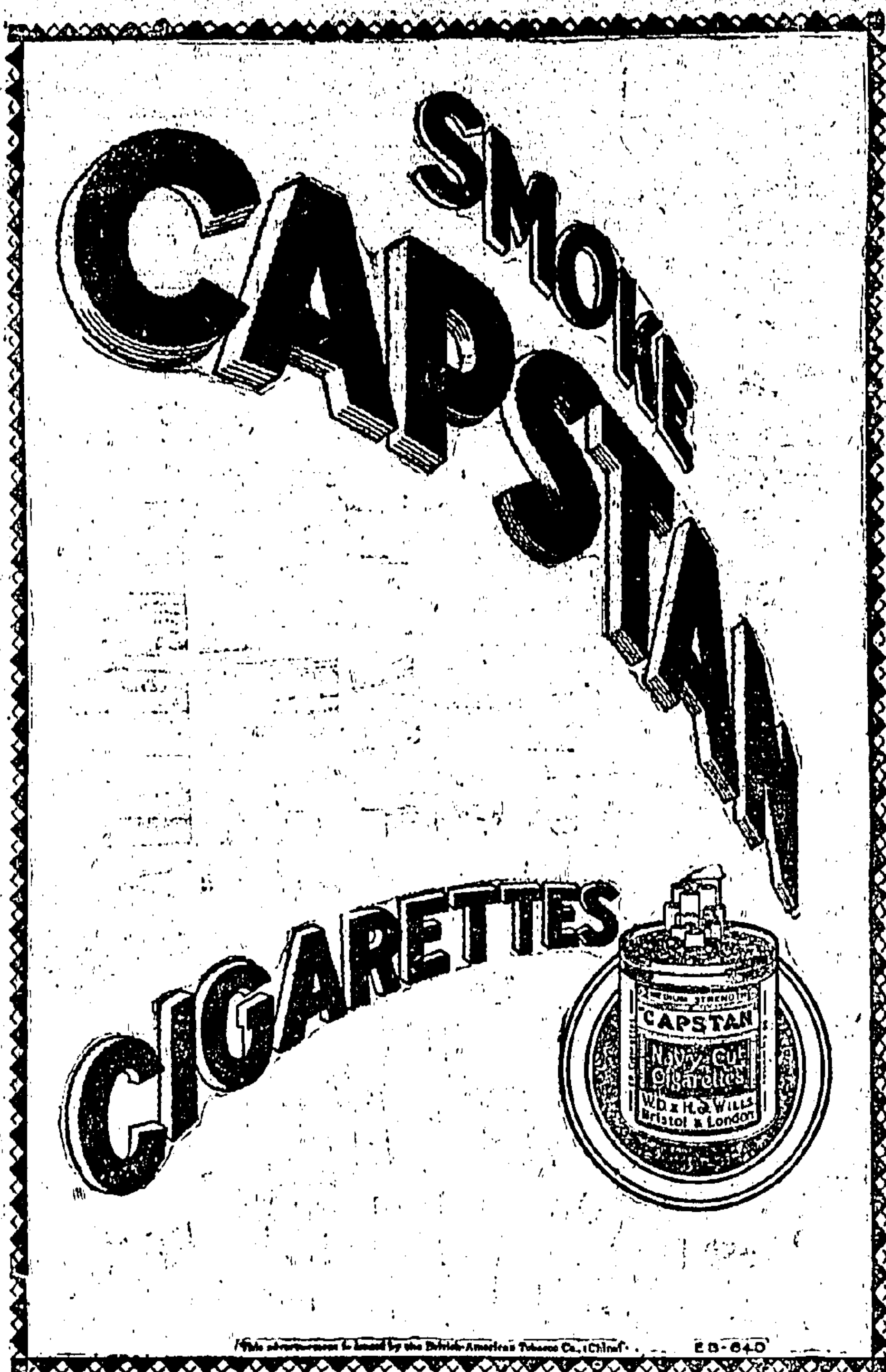
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CORONER ON INQUEST LAW.

Mr. Ingleby Oddie, the Westminster Coroner, referred to the law concerning inquests at the resumed inquiry into the death of Edwin John Lloyd, who was fatally injured through being knocked down by a motor-car in Park-lane on December 17.

He said that a bill of indictment against a motorist was thrown out by the grand jury at the Central Criminal Court. He (the Coroner) was entitled to resume the inquest whether the person accused of manslaughter had been tried or not. "I am entitled in this case, although the bill has been thrown out by the grand jury," he added, "to resume the inquest, and if the evidence justifies it to commit the man for trial."

Mr. Oddie, who referred to the question as "a matter of grave public importance," adjourned the inquiry.

AN AMERICAN ON
"BIG BILL""EXPLOITER OF RACIAL
PREJUDICE"

"Let us picture a small, narrow, stuffy hall in one of the wards of Chicago. While an Italian orator is speaking the door is thrown open, a bugle is blown, and the large figure of the Mayor appears, exuding geniality amid the applause of the audience. He represents one type of American politician, the apostle of equality. If there is a negro mother in the audience he takes the picanniny in his arms to show that he is a good republican."

This inspiring word sketch of Big Bill Thompson, that anti-British Mayor of Chicago, was drawn by an American, Professor D. R. Fox, of Columbia University, during a lecture at King's College. He told an amusing story of how Mayor Thompson placed two rats in separate cages on either side of him during a public meeting in a Chicago hall. "Big Bill" called the rats by the names of his principal political opponents, haranguing them, one after the other on the sad consequences of opposing his great reforms.

"Thompson was born of a good family in Boston," said Professor Fox, "but he has kept nothing of the atmosphere of his early upbringing. He went at an early age to the Far West and became a cook on a ranch. He came back with a slouch hat and a Western manner."

Being a Republican, Professor Fox continued, Thompson could command the negro vote. He became "Big Bill" by humoring racial prejudice. In Chicago, besides half a million Germans, there were Poles, Czechs, Italians, Swedes, Norwegians.

History Book Trial.

The reason for the "pro-British" charge against the Superintendent of Schools in Chicago, Mr. William McAndrew, was the fact that he was not amenable to the suggestions of those who had contracts to place, and was not in favour with politicians who wished to find jobs for their supporters in the schools.

The hearing of the case against him, which was undertaken by the Chicago School Board, was not a trial, and therefore evidence was introduced which would have been ruled out in a court of law. The chairman was closely related to a contractor who wished to place contracts with the school board. The chief witnesses were mainly prominent anti-British agitators.

Questions had been prearranged between the lawyers and the witnesses, in which certain violently anti-American passages were cited from the text-books. Placed in their context all of these passages had another and much milder meaning.

STREET MORALS
AND THE LAW."OFFENCES INCREASED BY
STIGMA"

A WOMAN'S VIEW.

A large number of women attended a sitting at Old Palace Yard of the Street Offences Committee, before which evidence on behalf of the Association for Moral and Social Hygiene was given by the Rev. W. C. Roberts (chairman of the Association) and Miss Alison Neilans.

Mr. Roberts said that he considered nothing more important than that the criminal law should confine itself to overt acts—something that was actually done, was seen, and could be proved. He did not consider that girls of certain classes should be "classified" immediately they were taken into court, and treated on the basis of presumptive character.

Mr. Roberts protested that it was lamentable that the Chief Commissioner of Police should take the view that it was the business of the police to keep the streets "clean." That meant that it was the business of the police to go about the streets deciding that some people were "clean" and others were not. It was an indefensible position.

"Sense of Injustice."

Sir Charles Biron, Chief Metropolitan Magistrate, declared that Mr. Roberts did not do justice to the police views. As he interpreted the Commissioner's statement he meant that the maintenance of decency in the streets was a public concern. Did Mr. Roberts mean that actually injustice happened in consequences of the state of the law?

Mr. Roberts said that he thought that a good many young girls had a sense of injustice on the way they had been treated, and that it was not unreasonable.

Difficult to Define.

Miss Neilans, secretary of the Association for Moral and Social Hygiene, stated that she also represented the National Union of Societies for Equal Citizenship, the St. Joan's Social and Political Alliance, and the Women's Freedom League.

She said that there should be no special exceptional legislation for prostitutes, not because of the difficulty of defining them, but because such legislation would give them legal sanction as a class of traders.

The view of her society was not that they would not like to banish this thing from the streets, but that it was not possible to prevent it by legislation. She regarded soliciting as an unprovable offence. Prostitutes had suffered very grave injustice for eighty or one hundred years because often they were convicted

WEDDING GUESTS'
FATE.TWO KILLED IN AFFRAY
WITH SOLDIERS.

Warsaw, Feb. 14.

An affray at a peasant wedding has resulted in the deaths of two peasants and the wounding of others at Landwarowo, on the Polish-Lithuanian border.

It appears that a quarrel broke out between a corporal of Frontier Guards and some of the wedding guests. Hot words soon led to blows; the corporal's rifle was wrested from him and he was forced to take to his heels.

Bleeding from wounds inflicted in the scuffle, he ran to the barracks, whence he returned with a detachment of Frontier Guards, who demanded the return of their comrade's rifle. The crowd refused, whereupon the soldiers fired into them, killing two peasants and wounding several. The authorities have ordered an investigation of the affair.

under an act which stated they must be guilty of riotous behaviour or indecent conduct or annoyance to passengers, when none of these things had been proved.

The Chairman—Do you think the "industry" is now carried on in such refined terms that it may be left to itself?

Miss Neilans—I do, I like the last part of your sentence, but I think solicitation for immoral purposes is carried on in an extremely indefinite and refined way. It was often very difficult to infer that a conversation between a man and woman was directed towards an immoral purpose.

12,000 Arrested in Year.

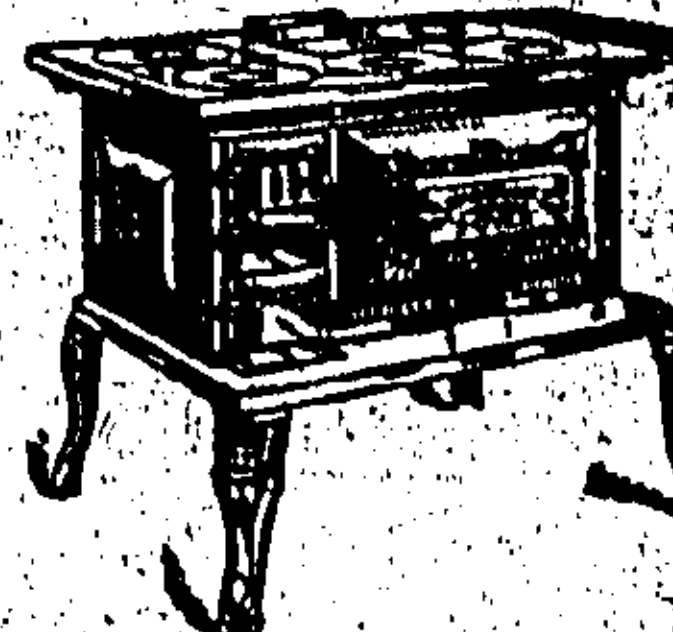
Miss Neilans said that as many as 12,000 women had been arrested in England and Wales in a year as common prostitutes and fined or sent to prison. The net result of the fine was that a woman had to apply herself more assiduously to prostitution to pay it.

"A fine is, in fact, an irregular tax on prostitution and is so regarded. The law has increased prostitution and hindered the reformation of a woman by stamping her with a legal stigma which is very difficult to remove. It is not fair to pick out one small section of the community and make it a scapegoat."

The Society had no evidence of bribery of the police, and she did not believe there was any real blackmail of women by policemen. The real difficulty was the possibility of seduction of the police. "I should not like a brother of mine to be put on this work," Miss Neilans added. "That is where the usefulness of the women police comes in."

The Committee adjourned.

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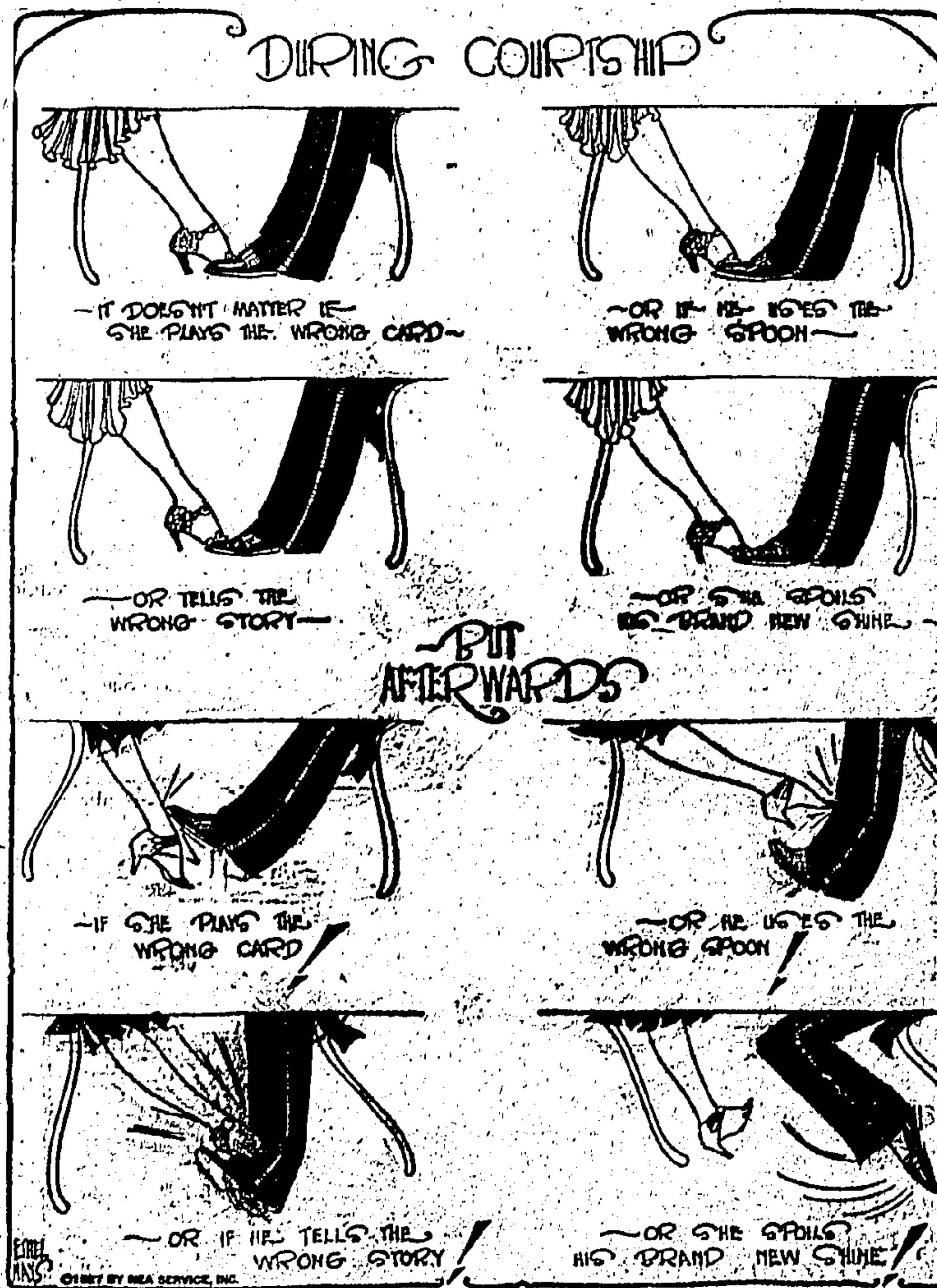
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CHAPTER XX.

Redpath's Daughter.

From Northumberland Avenue, Inspector Pow took a taxi to Cliff Street, Berkeley Square, and kept it at the private door of the chemist's, while he spoke to the maid.

Mr. Parkinson was out. Though he lunched at home on most days, he had ordered dinner at eight and said he should not return till then. Disappointed to have missed him the Inspector directed the chauffeur to Scotland Yard, sent for Sergeant Galloway and explained in a few words as possible what he had been doing.

"I want you," he said, "to send Miller to keep his eye on the house—Number 13. If I wasn't told the truth and Parkinson comes out, he's not to be lost sight of."

Inspector Pow then explained that he wanted Galloway to lose no time in going to Mountport to see the Governor of the prison.

"It's said," he continued, "that Hillyard died there just before Christmas. If so he would probably have been in the infirmary some time before his death. He would have had a chance to talk. Knowing he was done for, it's possible he put someone wise about that box of jewellery. Find out whether he was specially thick with anyone in the ward, anyone who got out before the end of the first week of January. You may be able to get back to-night, if you're sharp."

Sergeant Galloway, to do him justice, seldom allowed grass to grow under his feet. Having despatched Miller to Cliff Street, he at once set forth to the railway station, while Inspector Pow, having had a snack at the "Ship," made his way to Little Oakham Street. Paying no heed to the group of gossiping women at the door, he mounted the crazy stairs, and reaching the top landing, turned the handle of the back room, entering without ceremony.

A large sheet, hanging from a clothes line across the room, and dividing it more or less completely into two, was drawn back in the daytime so that both sides could be seen from the threshold. By the window stood a deal table, at which Redpath was seated, laboriously writing with his nose to the notepaper. As Pow entered, he took off his steel-framed spectacles, and started to his feet, as though prepared to resent the intrusion, but hearing his visitor's name, his manner abruptly changed. He began to cringe abjectly, rubbing his fingers against his thumbs, while Pow stared at the occupant of the farther bed.

It was difficult to judge whether she was an old-looking child, or a childish-looking woman. As a matter of fact Polly Redpath was twenty-five, about the same age as the vastly different girl whom the Inspector had seen an hour or two ago at the Capital Hotel. Since Polly was fourteen her lower limbs had been paralyzed. She had been unable to walk or even to stand for the past ten years, and her mother had forsaken such a troublesome child. From the day of his wife's desertion, Redpath had done all that was possible, according to his rather dim lights, and whatever his faults, he had never failed to show the most intense devotion to his daughter.

She was sitting up in bed, supported by a cushion which he had made out of an old hop sack and stuffed with newspapers. Over her nightdress, she wore a faded dressing jacket of pink flannelette and on the grey counterpane lay a handglass with a broken white handle. Her black hair had been clumsily shingled and her face was daubed heavily with powder, relieved by a bright patch of rouge over the cheekbones. Her appearance struck Inspector Pow as ghastly. It suggested the making up of a corpse.

Redpath showed little reluctance in repeating what he had already told both to Foster Markwell and to Parkinson, dwelling on the circumstance that, in spite of temptation, he had kept quiet about the jewels till he heard of Hillyard's death.

"That young swell I met on Lady Parkinson's step," he con-

tinued, "rounded on me as soon as he'd heard all he wanted to know. I might whistle for the reward! He threatened to call a copper, and that was enough for me. I dried up and never gave the blasted box another thought till Dr. Markwell came."

"Dr. Markwell," said Inspector Pow, "has taken it back to Lady Parkinson."

"She'd never have touched it if not for me," grumbled Redpath. "That young swell played crooked."

"You saw him on Monday—Monday, the Eighth," suggested the Inspector.

"I did so, and thought it was going to be a great day for me and my gal here."

"I'm afraid you won't get a shilling, Redpath," answered Pow; then turning to Polly, he stood watching while she looked at her face in the glass, touching it here and there with a terribly dirty powder puff.

"Now what do you do lying here all day?" he asked.

"I think a lot, that's what I do," she answered.

"What about?"

"All the things I'd have if only I could get about."

"Makes believe she's a great lady and her bed's a motor car, don't you, Polly?" said Redpath.

He faced Inspector Pow from the opposite side of the narrow bed, wearing his loose, long overcoat with the bulging front pockets. His short, greyish beard looked as if it had not been combed for weeks, and while he talked to the visitor, his eyes were fixed on Polly. "That's what she does," Redpath continued, "and powders herself up to the nines and makes me cut her hair—"

"You needn't give the show away," she cried sulkily, but now Pow looked at her more attentively, he thought that with better health and fresher air and the powder washed off her face, she might be quite attractive. She had good features and expressive dark eyes.

"I shall come and have another look at you," he said on the point of turning away.

"When?" she demanded.

"Some day before long."

"Promise you won't forget," she pleaded.

"She'll look forward to that, Inspector," said Redpath, accompanying Pow outside to the landing. "She'll talk o' nothing else 'or days. No one comes but the district nurse now and again, and Mr. Martin—"

"Who's Mr. Martin?" asked Pow.

"The curate from the church round the corner. Regular he comes—once a week. Brings her picture papers. Polly likes them. She ain't much of a reader, never could learn, somehow. What pleases her most's a fashion paper. Sometimes I pick up an old one."

Inspector Pow took a shilling from his pocket.

"You might buy her something," he said, "and before you're much older, I may want you to give evidence."

"Against that young swell!" cried Redpath eagerly. "A dirty trick! I'd like to give him one back. Thank you kindly, sir."

Walking away from the squalid street, Inspector Pow's thoughts continued to dwell on the strange pair whom he had left. A curious mixture, Redpath! But, come to think of it, so were a good many. In spite of considerable temptation and sore need, he had delivered the metal box with its contents intact to Miss Croom. He had kept faith with Hillyard, yet for most of his life he had been the companion of thieves, and got his living, such as it was, by writing begging-letters.

He was bone lazy, yet devoted to his daughter, tending her like a woman, humoring her according to her bent, even fanning her petty vanity in the hope of making her life a little better worth living.

Inspector Pow wondered whether his daughter could look out one or two things for the girl, odd bits of ribbon, and so forth. He would ask her when he got home this evening, but meanwhile he had a busy afternoon before him, and first he would make his way to Park Lane.

(To be continued.)

CHARGES AGAINST PANGAOLS.

EX-DICTATOR ASKS FOR A RESPITE.

Athens, Feb. 17.
General Pangalos, who was overthrown as long ago as August 22, 1926, and has, after a long stay in the Cretan fortress of Izoidin, been transferred lately to Syngros prison, was taken to the Chamber at mid-day to-day to appear before the Parliamentary Committee of Inquiry sitting in the Cabinet's private rooms. Strong precautions were taken, and no incident occurred.

General Pangalos was looking pale and older, after his seventeen months' imprisonment. He objected to the composition of the Committee, as containing a member of the Cabinet which he overthrew, and the counsel of a man who was executed during his dictatorship. Finally he asked for five days' delay to reply to the charges. He then withdrew while the Committee considered his plea.

Six Counts.

There are six counts in the charges against the ex-Dictator, as formulated last October. They are as follows:

That he illegally amended the Constitution compiled by the Committee of 30, in September, 1925; that he illegally dissolved the late National Assembly in October, 1925; that he illegally altered the proposed composition of the new Senate; that he illegally proclaimed himself dictator on January 4, 1926; that he held an illegal election for the Presidency of the Republic in April, 1926, as the result of which he was elected as the sole candidate; and that he arbitrarily ordered the arrest and banishment of prominent politicians and journalists to remote islands, and the suspension of preventive censorship of leading newspapers.

According to the new Constitution of 1927, the President of the Republic should be tried for offences committed in that capacity by the Senate, sitting as a High Court of Justice. But the Senate has not yet been elected, and five of the above offences were committed before General Pangalos became President and while he was still only Prime Minister.

In any case, the Chamber is legally entitled to act in place of the Senate, till a second Chamber (which has not existed since 1862) is formed.

SIDNEY CARTON ON A LORRY STAGE.

INDOOR THEATRE NOT—THE ONLY WAY!

Battling with bitterly cold wind, the Dickensian Tabard Players gave scenes from "A Tale of Two Cities" in the streets of the Borough recently.

With a horse-drawn lorry as the stage, the players, who were founded by Mr. Ross Barrington, began their performance in Mint-street.

A crowd of about 60 people gathered round the lorry and cheered the company, who, in their wigs and costumes, brought a gay splash of colour to the grey backwaters of Southwark.

There was specially hearty cheering for Miss Enid Preston, as Lucy Manette, for, in her pretty filmy dress, she acted as if wholly unconscious of the gale, which continually blew up showers of sawdust from the lorry.

"The Only Way."

The second part of the performance was given at the George Inn, Borough High-street, where a large crowd listened to Sydney Carton's famous speech on the guillotine.

During the afternoon the Mayor of Southwark placed a wreath of laurels on the bust of Dickens in the L.C.C. School in Lamb-street in commemoration of the birthday of the novelist on February 7, 1812.

LETTER GOLF SOLUTION.

Here is the solution to the puzzle on another page.

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LIFE AFTER DEATH AN "EVEN CHANCE."

MR. EDISON IN CANDID MOOD ON 81st BIRTHDAY.

Fort Myers (Fla.), Feb. 11.
Mr. Edison, the famous inventor, who is staying here, received correspondents to-day on the occasion of his eighty-first birthday. He freely answered questions on every conceivable subject except on how to keep young, which, he said, would require two hours to answer.

Some of his replies were as follows: "What sort of person you are depends on your forebears for generations back just like plants."

Asked whether Americans were drifting away from religion, he said: "They're drifting away from bunk and superstition. Scientific knowledge is responsible for the fact that 11,344 of the Churches of the United States had no additions last year."

Regarding eternity, Mr. Edison remarked: "Fifty fifty one, way or the other is my present belief on life after death." He chuckled when in answer to another question he said he expected to spend his next life "experimenting." Television was, he added, remarkable, but hardly applicable in his opinion for general use.

Capital punishment, said Mr. Edison, should be abolished, and criminals confined for life. Newspapers should be permitted to print crime news, but Mr. Edison advised that such items should be "cut short."

Interviewed with regard to his experiments in rubber production, Mr. Edison admitted that he was not attempting to compete in the tropics. He was considering sending parties of botanists into unexplored sections of Florida to search for new varieties of rubber producing plants.

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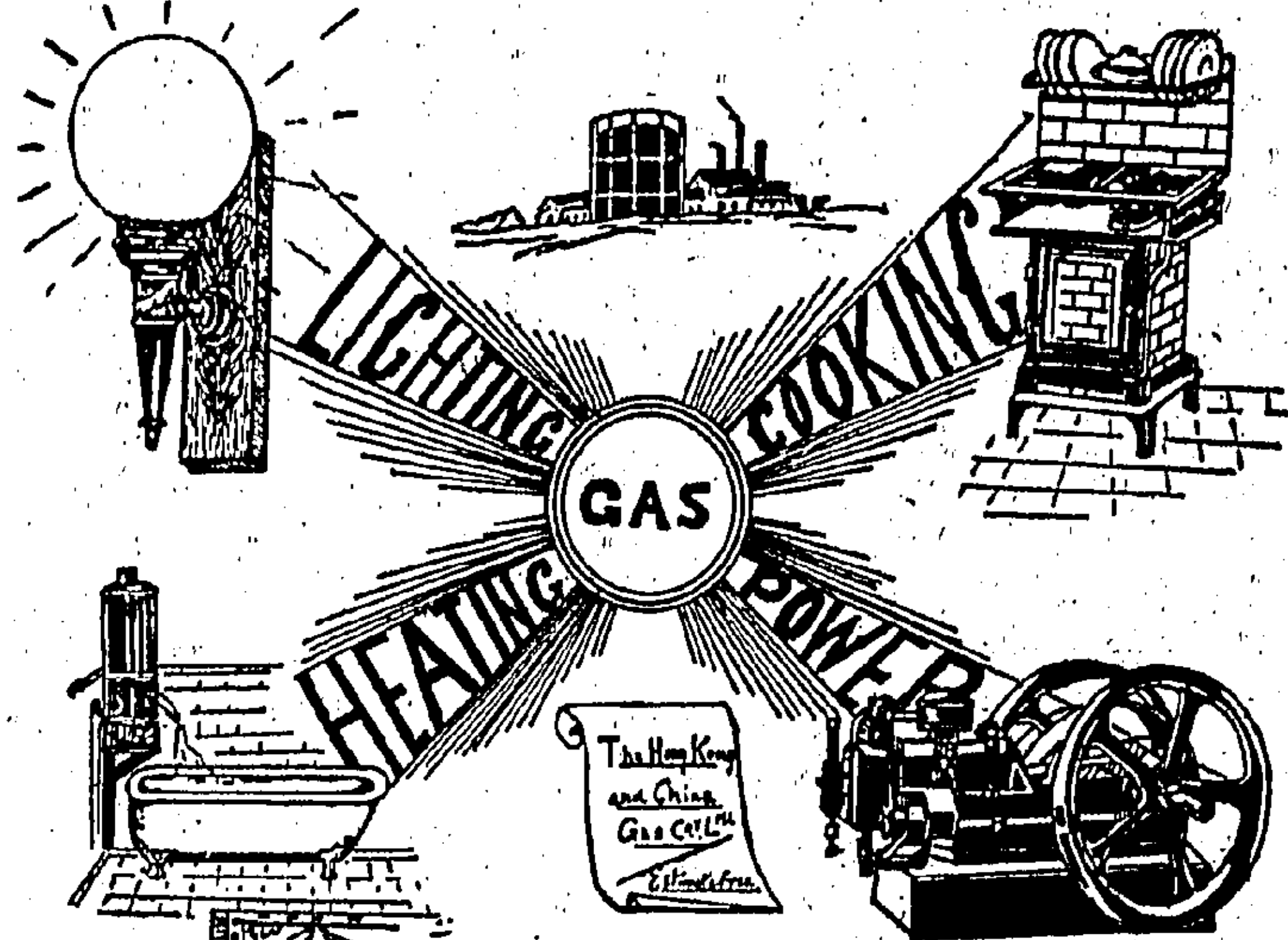
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MUSSOLINI AND A CARDINAL.

Rome, Feb. 15.
Signor Mussolini has sent a message through the Prefect of Milan to the Cardinal Archbishop Tosi, thanking him for his Lenten Pastoral on "Numerous Families." "Please convey to his Eminence," says the Duce, "my satisfaction and thanks for his Pastoral concerning birth-rate decline, which

has been particularly accentuated in all the urban centres of North Italy."

The Milan Catholic organ "Italia" notes that praise from the head of the Italian Government to a Cardinal is a comforting sign of harmony between State and Church. The Cardinal's Pastoral advocated large families with the implication that he disapproved of birth control.



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ASTONISHING STORY.

BRITISH HONOUR FOR EMDEN CAPTAIN.

London, Feb. 23.
 That the British Government wished to decorate Captain Von Muller, after the war, but that "difficulties intervened," is the astonishing statement made by Prince-Ernest Joseph Hohenzollern in his preface to his story of the Emden, on which he was a torpedo lieutenant throughout her raiding career.

It is understood that the Foreign Office is framing a denial.

The book vividly describes the fight with H.M.A.S. Sydney but little which is not contained in German official history has been disclosed.

It also says that the Indian Government, during the tension on the eve of the war, shipped \$850,000 worth of gold aboard a German liner for Hongkong. This was unloaded at Manila, where it was employed for the German cause.

The Prince declares that while he was imprisoned at Malta he saw a hospital ship loading ammunition boxes.

Critics say that the above assertion is worthless, because neither a name nor a date has been mentioned. They add that the charge should never have been made unless the Prince was prepared to substantiate it.

CHINA SUGARS.

BANKERS REFUSE FURTHER ADVANCES.

It is officially announced that the accounts of the China Sugar Refinery Company, Ltd., for the year ending December 31, 1927, have been closed and subject to audit show a loss of approximately \$1,189,000.

On December 31 the advances from the Company's Bankers and General Agents amount to such a sum that neither of them is prepared to make further advances to the Company.

An extraordinary general meeting of shareholders will be convened at an early date to consider the position.

Meantime the General Agents and Consulting Committee are appointing an informal special committee of shareholders to inquire into the Company's position and prepare a report for submission to shareholders.

RED ROSE FLIGHT.

SUCCESS AFTER MANY DIFFICULTIES.

Sydney, Mar. 19.

The Red Rose has arrived at Port Darwin.—*Reuter*.

[The Red Rose is the light aeroplane in which Captain Lancaster and Mrs. Keith Miller set out to fly from England to Australia last October. After an adventurous trip to Sumatra they crashed, and the plane was seriously damaged. It was taken to Singapore for repairs, and the fliers resumed their aerial journey last week.]

CORONATION OF THE POPE.

CARDINAL BOURNE ON PEACE.

ENEMIES OF ENGLAND.

In Westminster Cathedral, on the anniversary of the Coronation of Pope Pius XI, the occasion was celebrated for the first time in England since his accession in 1922.

The service was singular, not only because of the magnificence of its ritual and the beauty of the music which accompanied it, but because it was, in a sense, international, the Ambassadors and Ministers of 15 countries, which have envoys at the Vatican, being present, including Austria, Belgium, the Czechoslovak Republic, Germany, Hungary, Poland, Spain, and four of the South American Republics.

The Cathedral was full, not only with a vast congregation seated in the nave, but with many who stood grouped in the aisles round the bases of the pillars. In addition to the diplomatic representatives there were the Roman Catholic members of both Houses of Parliament and of the London County and Westminster City Councils.

While the congregation waited, the ascending chords of Liszt's solemn Fantasia and Fugue on the name B.A.C.H. resounded through the Cathedral. With the ending of the music and the faint striking of the Vesper bell the slow Processional to the Sanctuary began, while the choir chanted far away in the dim recess behind the high Altar.

Reason of Celebration.

The acolytes bearing the Golden Cross took their places, and then the Canons in their vestments of purple and black and rich lace. Last came His Eminence Cardinal Bourne with the Archbishop of Cambrayopolis and Gargara.

The Vesper service moved onward with a stately rhythm made more impressive by the dim lighting of the nave, the flickering of candles reflected in the silver and gold of the Sanctuary and the Altar, the tinkle of the censer which the acolyte swung, and the slow-rising fumes of the incense upward through the haze of candlelight to the purple dusk which hovered about the arches of the roof.

While the Cardinal Archbishop gave the Benediction the organist played "O Salutaris" and "Tantum Ergo" in soft contrast to Cesar Frank's Finale in B flat, which ended the service.

Later a reception was held in Archbishop's House, at which Cardinal Bourne explained in a statement from the Throne why this anniversary was being celebrated for the first time in England.

Voice of Benedict XV.

"To understand the matter aright," he said, "our thoughts should travel back to the month of February, 1922. After a short illness Benedict XV. had passed

MR. BOTTOMLEY.

"FIRST ROUND OF FIGHT FOR REHABILITATION."

A settlement of the libel action brought by Mr. Horatio Bottomley against the *News of the World* and Mr. Henry James Houston concerning the story "Mr. Bottomley's Life," published in the newspaper while Mr. Bottomley was in prison, was announced to Mr. Justice Horridge in the King's Bench Division recently.

Addressing the Judge at the conclusion of the proceedings, Mr. Bottomley said: "This is the end of the first round of my fight for rehabilitation."

Mr. Comyns Carr, K.C., for the defendants, had informed the Court that the parties had come to terms, and had read the following statement:

"The statements in the articles complained of were written and published bona fide and in full belief in their accuracy by the defendants, but since the delivery of the statement of claim the defendants, having made further investigations into the matters complained of, are satisfied that they cannot be substantiated."

"They have, therefore, agreed to make to the plaintiff, and the plaintiff has agreed to accept, a payment by way of damages in full discharge of all claims which he may have against the defendants in respect of the articles published in the *News of the World*, such payment to include costs."

to his rest on January 22. At once there was throughout Europe an extraordinary awakening to the significance of the Pontificate. He had been much criticised during the Great War, equally by both sides in that prolonged contest.

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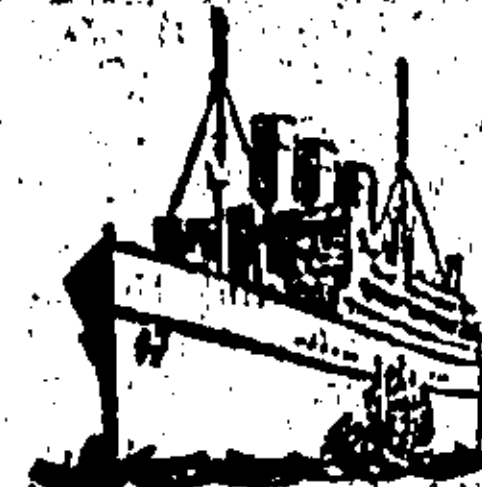
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SOLICITOR COMPLAINS OF PERSECUTION.

The public examinations of Edwin Thomas Hatt, solicitor, of Town Hall Chambers, Reading, had been fixed for Feb. 9 at the Reading Bankruptcy Court, but when the matter was mentioned Mr. F. Gourlay, the Official Receiver, said that he was not prepared to proceed with the examination, and asked for an adjournment until March 3.

Mr. Hatt, who was present, said: "I have had a persecution, having appeared before the Magistrate five times when twice would have been sufficient. I have made a full disclosure to the trustee in bankruptcy, but have been pushed from pillar to post, and goodness knows what is going to happen now." The Official Receiver's application was granted. Hatt's next appearance, on request, charged with fraudulently converting money to his own use, will be at Reading Police Court.

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NORTHERN WAR.

THE LATEST MOVEMENTS.

Shanghai, Mar. 19.
When interviewed, General Chien Tai-chun said that his forces will not be despatched to the front, but will take the garrison service along the Shanghai-Nanking Railway.
General Chen Chien has wired to General Yeh Ki, the new factor of the Wuhan Party, on behalf of the Military Council, to despatch the latter's forces to Hankow in order to wait for further notice to go to the Peking-Hankow front.
It is reported that the first batch of General Yeh's troops arrived at Wuchang on the 17th.

Commander Welcomed.
General Pang Ting-yang, Commander of the 46th Army, arrived at Nanking on the afternoon of the 18th and was enthusiastically welcomed by the military and civil officials and the community on his arrival.
It is further stated that General Pang will attend a meeting at the Kin-ling University to-day in honour of his arrival by the community of Nanking.

A message concerning the movements of Marshal Chiang Kai-shek states that Marshal Chiang will not leave for the front until he has met Sir Miles Lampson, the British Minister, who is coming to Nanking to-day.
A special train has been arranged for the Marshal's departure, which may take place at a moment's notice.
It is also learned that Marshal Chiang has sent General Fang Ben-yen as his representative to Shansi, and has left for the North with full instructions from Marshal Chiang. It is believed that General Fang will make arrangements with Marshal Yen Shi-san for the general attack on the Fengtien "Red" Army.

ALLEGED BRIBE.

SEQUEL TO POLICE VISIT TO SAMPAN.

An alleged conversation between a boatman and a Water Police coxswain, following on a visit earlier in the evening on the woman's boat and a search for illicit opium, was given in evidence yesterday at the continued hearing before Major C. Willson, of the case in which the coxswain is charged with demanding a bribe of \$200.

It was stated that a Chinese constable on search duty at the Wing Lok Wharf overheard the conversation, with the result that he intervened and took the parties to the Central Police station, where an examination led to the coxswain being charged.

In previous evidence, a European detective sergeant had said that the opium found on the boat was of too negligible an amount to warrant a charge, and he left the boat after refusing a sum which the boatwoman thought was "required from her." It is now alleged that "profiting from the Sergeant's inadequate knowledge of Chinese, the defendant interviewed the woman privately, and gave her to understand that she had to pay \$200 in order to gain immunity from arrest.

Of this, \$150 had been paid to the defendant, it is alleged, when he was arrested near the Wing Lok Wharf, as stated above.
The case was adjourned.

HANKOW COMMUNISTS.

ARREST OF A BOBBED HAIR GIRL.

Hankow, Mar. 9.
Co-operating with the Chinese military authorities in the campaign to stamp out Communism in Hankow, the French police authorities raided a house occupied by Communists at No. 33 Chang Ching Li on Rue de D'Alsace Lorraine yesterday afternoon. The raid was accomplished with the assistance of a detective force of the local Garrison.

The raid was made shortly after five o'clock when a combined force of Garrison agents and the French police made a thorough search in the house at Chang Ching Li. Five Chinese Communist suspects, four men and one girl, were arrested and taken to the French Police Station. They were handed over last night to the Garrison Headquarters for trial.

All the prisoners look very young, about twenty years of age. The girl wears bobbed hair and looks like a native of Hunan. It is understood that they had been sent to Hankow as Communist propagandists.

The police raiders also seized one big box and a basket containing important Communist documents.

Other Raids Staged.

The Chinese authorities carried out several other raids in the Chinese City and rounded up a few more Red suspects. The Szechuen People's Guild and the Shu Tien Association were both raided and sealed by the Garrison authorities. Over ten persons connected with the Szechuen Association were arrested and are being held at the local Garrison as Communist suspects.

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pects.
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ARAFURA	6,000	3rd Apr.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama
TALAMBA	8,018	11th Apr.	Amoy, Shanghai, Kobe & Osaka
JEYPORE	6,318	13th Apr.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
KASHGAR	9,005	13th Apr.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
TILAWA	10,006	21st Apr.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka
MALWA	10,986	27th Apr.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
NOVARA	6,989	8th May	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama
TANDA	6,956	8th May	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama
DELTA	8,097	11th May	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
RANPURA	10,601	25th May	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
NANKIN	7,058	4th June	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
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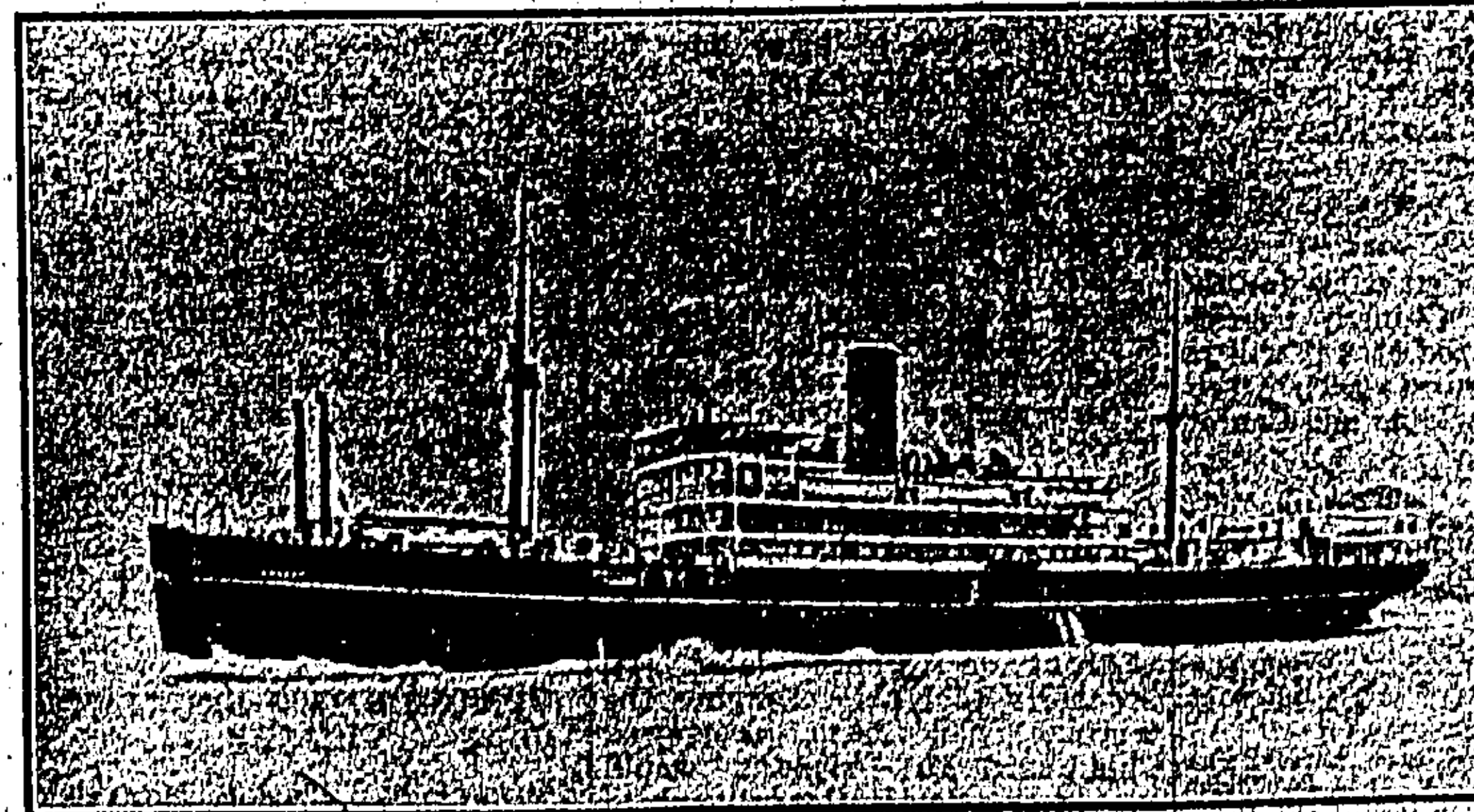
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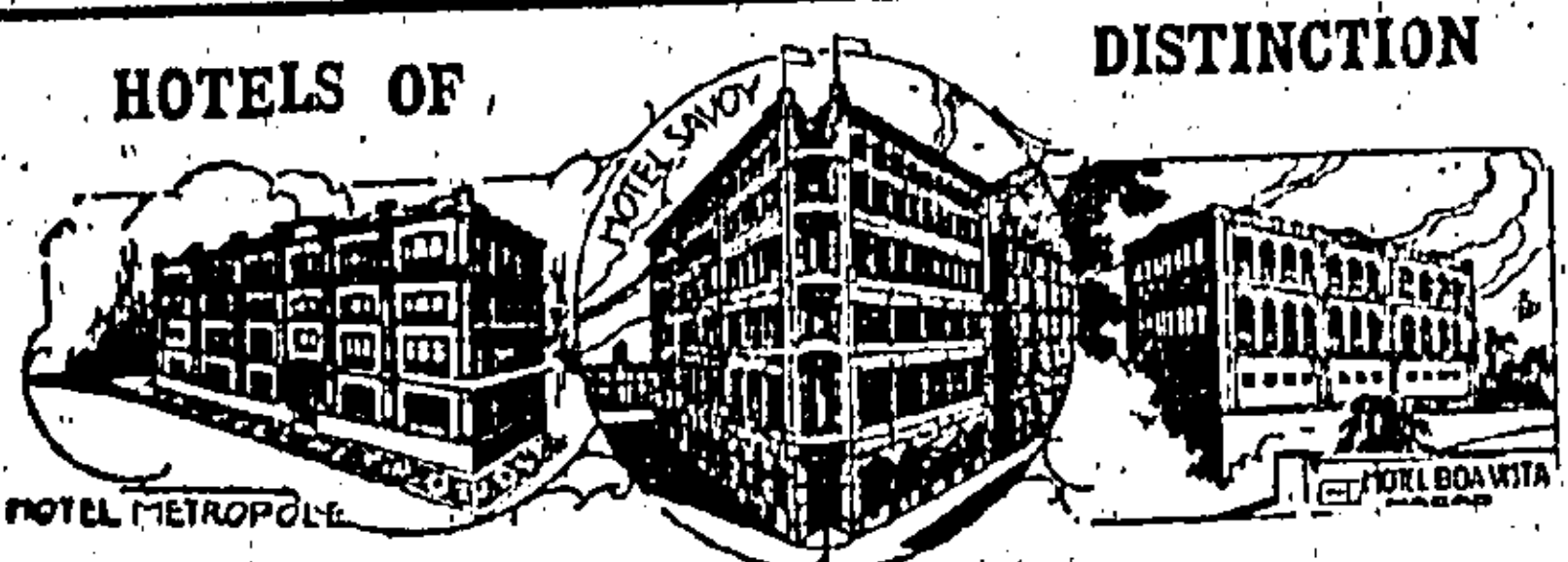
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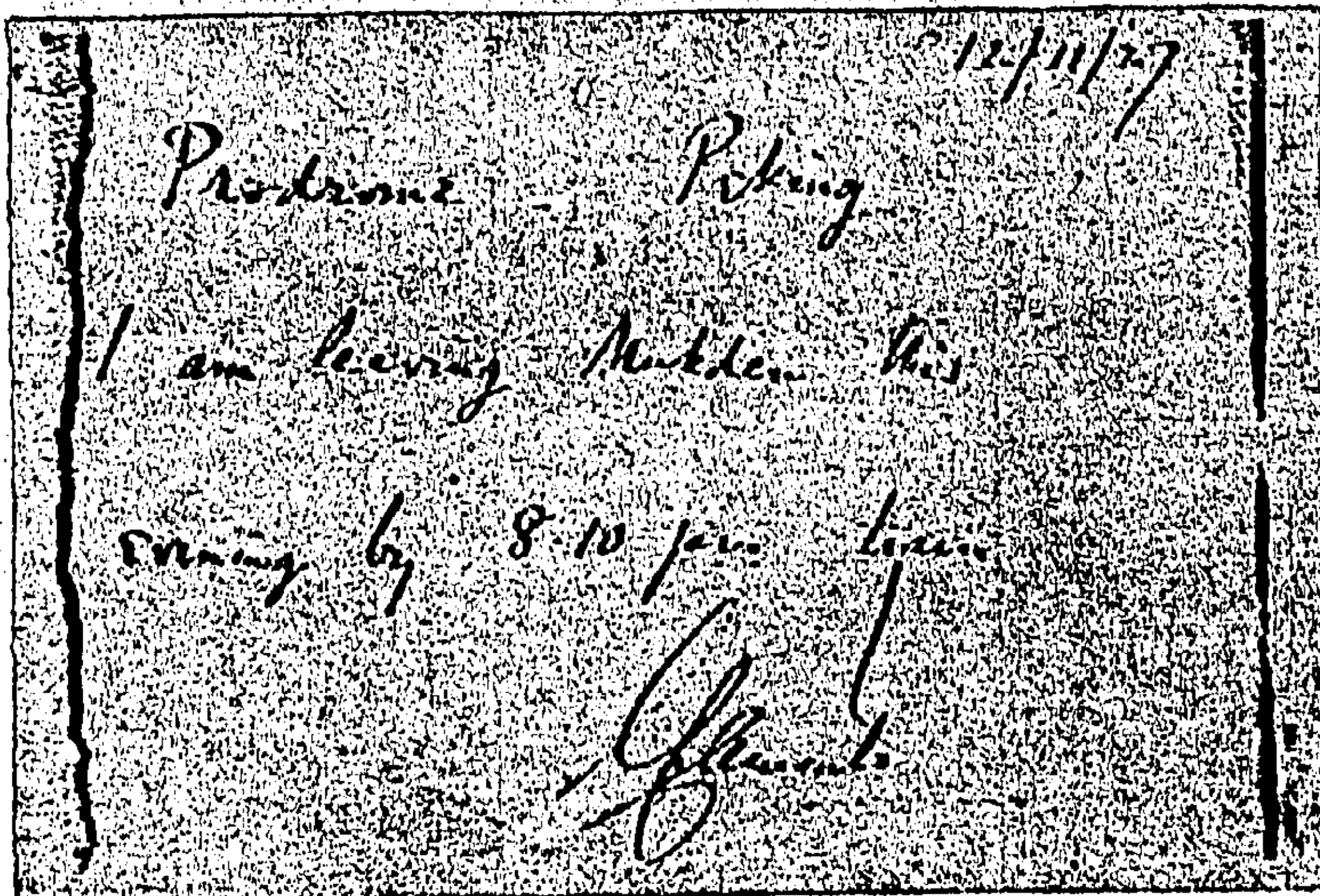
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HONGKONG GOVERNOR'S TELEAUTOGRAPHIC MESSAGE.



The above is a reproduction from the actual teleautographic message as received by the
British Minister in Peking from Sir Cecil Clementi, who despatched it from Mukden, recently,
of which mention is made in our news columns below.

TELAUTOGRAPHIC
PROCESS.SYSTEM IN VOGUE IN NORTH
CHINA.

INTERESTING DETAILS.

Many Hongkong people have
learned with considerable surprise
that it is now possible to send
telephoto, or, to use the correct
term, "teleautographic" messages
between several cities in North
China.

Yesterday, the *Telegraph* reported
that His Excellency the Governor
(Sir Cecil Clementi), whilst
on holiday in the North, sent such
a message from Mukden to the
British Minister in Peking, with
results which were in every way
satisfactory. To-day, we reproduce,
above, a copy of the message
as it was received by Sir Miles
Lampson, being an exact facsimile
of Sir Cecil Clementi's own hand-
writing. As will be seen, the
message came through with the
utmost distinctness.

At the present time, there are
facilities for despatching these
teleautographic messages at the
Post Offices in Peking, Tientsin,
Mukden and Harbin, and the service
is shortly to be extended to
Shanghai and Changchun.

Cheap Rates.

A brief explanation of how these
messages are sent will be of
interest to our readers. On an-
quiry at the despatching office, the
sender is supplied with a special
form on which he writes the
matter which he desires to have
forwarded. The message may be
written in any language, plain or
coded, and it may even contain
characters, signs, designs, etc., all
of which are reproduced photo-
graphically. Then by the special
process they are despatched and are
received by the addressee on a
special type of letter card, which is
delivered with the same rapidity as
that of a telegram.

For the purposes of transmis-
sion, there is, as stated above, a
special form provided. This is
divided into four columns, each of
which is one inch wide and about
five inches long. As much as the
writer chooses can be written in
each column at the flat rate of
\$1.50 per column.

The photographic facsimile of
the message printed above is the
actual size as received by Sir Miles
Lampson. H.E. in sending the
message used the whole of the
form, and as it would have been
possible to have placed the whole
of the message in one of the
columns, he paid four times as
much as was really necessary.
Payment is not according to the
number of words used, but the
amount of space occupied by the
communication.

The system is invaluable for the
transmission of Chinese charac-
ters, and it is hoped that it will be
possible to inaugurate such a ser-
vice between Hongkong and Canton
shortly.

HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW?

The following are the replies to
to-day's questions:

1. The Post Office cable railway, with
arriving trains, running from Paddington
Post Office to the Eastern District Post Office,
Whitechapel. The owners of the copyright
in the Office and Ballroom cases have
withdrawn the restriction on the broadcasting
of published selections and instrumental
extracts from these works. 2. Artesian water
in Namaland (N.W. part of Cape Pro-
vince), which will make available for farming
large tracts of land at present arid. 3.
Madagascar. 4. Japan. 5. Constantinople.
6. Great (A.D. 273-277). 7. The Rocky Moun-
tains and the Appalachian Mountains. 8.
Dickens. Gladstone, Wellington, Horace Wal-
pole. 9. Virgil. 10. Nineteenth Century.
11. The Nile Egypt. 12. One who subscribes
to the doctrine that pleasure is the chief good.

ZINOVIEFF LETTER
SENSATION.

(Continued from Page 1.)

Zinovieff Letter was published in
the Press on the eve of the Gen-
eral Election, 1924, was rejected
by 326 votes to 132 votes.

Russian Admissions.

Mr. Stanley Baldwin, in the
course of his address to the House,
said that according to British Gov-
ernment information, M. Chicherin,
when questioned by the Soviet Gov-
ernment, admitted that the letter
was sent from Russia, but did not
know how the British secured a
copy.

M. Chicherin assumed that the
leakage was due to "treachery," and
he stated that a month later, the
Communist agent in Britain de-
stroyed the original.

Mr. Baldwin understood that a
Russian, who was arrested in Mos-
cow, was shot shortly after the pub-
lication in the Press, on suspicion
of having given the British Gov-
ernment a copy of the letter.—
Reuter.

Influence on Election.

Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, at the
opening of the debate, said no one
had ever seen the original of the
letter and declared it was a de-
liberately planned and devised
concoction to deceive the public
and influence the General Election
of 1924.

Mr. Baldwin denied it had in-
fluenced to any extent the General
Election, declaring that the Labour
Government's handling of the Rus-
sian questions including the abor-
ative treaty with Russia and its
withdrawal of the case against
the Communist Campbell had al-
ready lost it the election before
the Zinovieff letter was published.

On the question whether the
Zinovieff letter was genuine or
not, the Premier pointed out that
the Labour Government made in-
quiry at the time in 1924, but
could not make up their minds.

When the Conservative Govern-
ment came into office they began
by setting up a Committee and the
results of their investigations
were that they were convinced the
letter was genuine.

Soviet-Cleverness.

The Government had informa-
tion that after the publication of
the letter M. Chicherin told his
colleagues in Moscow that he had
questioned M. Zinovieff concern-
ing the letter and that Zinovieff
admitted it had been sent to the
Communist party in England but
was at a loss to know how the
British Government had got a copy
of it.

It was due, said Zinovieff, to
treachery either in Moscow or
London.

Zinovieff pointed out that the
text of the document was in some
places slightly mutilated and M.
Chicherin said it would be impos-
sible to accuse the British Govern-
ment of having mutilated the
document because that would be
equivalent to confession of its
authenticity and the only course
they could take was to denounce
it at once as a forgery.

About a month later M.
Chicherin told his colleagues the
original had been destroyed.
This, said M. Chicherin would
enable the Soviet Government to
insist on an investigation into the
matter because no original copy
could ever be produced.

Sir Douglas Hogg said the
evidence of the document, which
reached the Foreign Office came
from four independent sources,
every one of which had previously
been tested and found absolutely
reliable.—*British Wireless.*

CHINA SITUATION
REVIEWED.COMMUNISM IN CHANGSHA
AND HANKOW.

UNEASY OUTLOOK.

London, Mar. 19.

In the House of Commons, re-
plying to a request by Commander
Kenworthy for information regard-
ing the present military and
political situation in China, an
interesting statement was made
by Sir Austen Chamberlain.

Sir Austen reviewed the politi-
cal developments following the
Kuomintang Conference in Nan-
king early in February. He said
the situation in Mid-China con-
tinued to be most unsettled, there
being no sign of the healing of the
breach between Nanking and
Wuhan.

The proposal to organise from
Hupoh and Hupan a fourth unit
for the Northern campaign, under
General Tan Yen-kai had to be
abandoned, and the British Consul
General at Hankow had reported
that Nanking appears to have
abandoned any hopes of enlisting
support from that source.

The Consul General at Hankow
had also reported a serious Com-
munist rising by the Hunan reg-
iment of General Cheng Chien's
troops, who had joined the in-
surgents whom they had been
sent to suppress. It was feared
that other troops of General
Cheng Chien were equally un-
reliable. The report stated that
Changsha was a hotbed of Com-
munists, Hankow was also badly
infected, and, despite almost daily
raids and executions, the authori-
ties did not feel secure. Almost
complete anarchy prevailed in the
country districts of Hupoh.

Sir Austen added that the re-
newed Northern campaign was to
have opened on the 15th instant
with a combined offensive by Mar-
shal Chiang Kai-shek, Marshal
Feng Yu-hsiang and General Yen
Hsi-shan, but each Commander
was apparently waiting for his
allies to strike the first blow. A
report just received stated that
the Northern forces had severely
defeated Marshal Feng Yu-hsiang.
Reuter.

Chen Chien at Hankow.

Hankow, March 19.
The arrival of General Chen
Chien is reported.

A concentration of troops, com-
manded by General Pe Tung-hsi,
is being carried out at Wuhan.
These are the troops who suc-
cessfully operated against the bandits
who were recently responsible for
the looting and burning of the
cities of Leiyang and Chekchow,
near Changsha.—*Naval Wireless.*

More Executions.

Wuchang, March 19.
The past week here has seen the
execution of many bandits.—*Naval
Wireless.*

Wanhsien, March 19.
It is reported that the conditions
prevailing here are not of a satis-
factory nature.—*Naval Wireless.*

HOME FOOTBALL.

PORTSMOUTH'S BRILLIANT
VICTORY.

London, Mar. 19.

In the First Division of the Eng-
lish League to-day, Portsmouth de-
feated Tottenham Hotspur by three
goals to nil at Edmonton.

In the Second Division, Barnsley,
playing at home, defeated Stoke by
3 goals to 1.

In the Third Division (South),
Luton Town scored twice against
Northampton without reply.—
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